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LEGION
OF SUPER-HEROES

**END
OF AN
ERA**
THE REAL
CONCLUSION



McCRAW
WAID
IMMONEN
BOYD

THE LAST LEGIONNAIRE

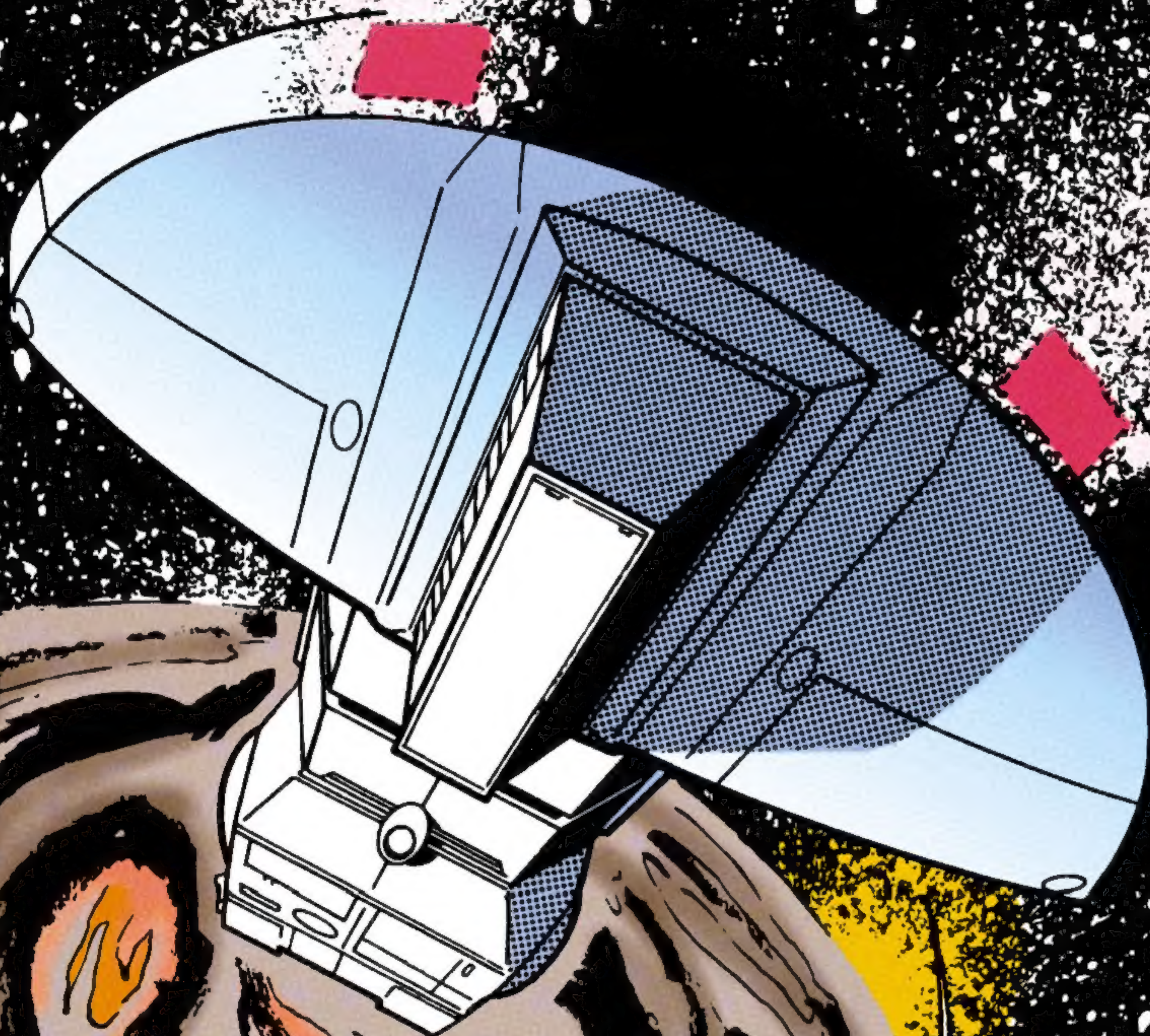
END OF AN ERA, FINALE:

BORROWED TIME!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT
FOR THE LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES.

IN A DESPERATE BID TO ENTOMB
MORDRU THE MERCILESS, THE
LEGION PRODDED HIS OILING
ENERGIES INTO THE HEART
OF A PLANET...

...AN ILL-CHOSEN ONE...



NASS! BRANDE
TRIED REPLACING
NEW EARTH WITH
THAT?!

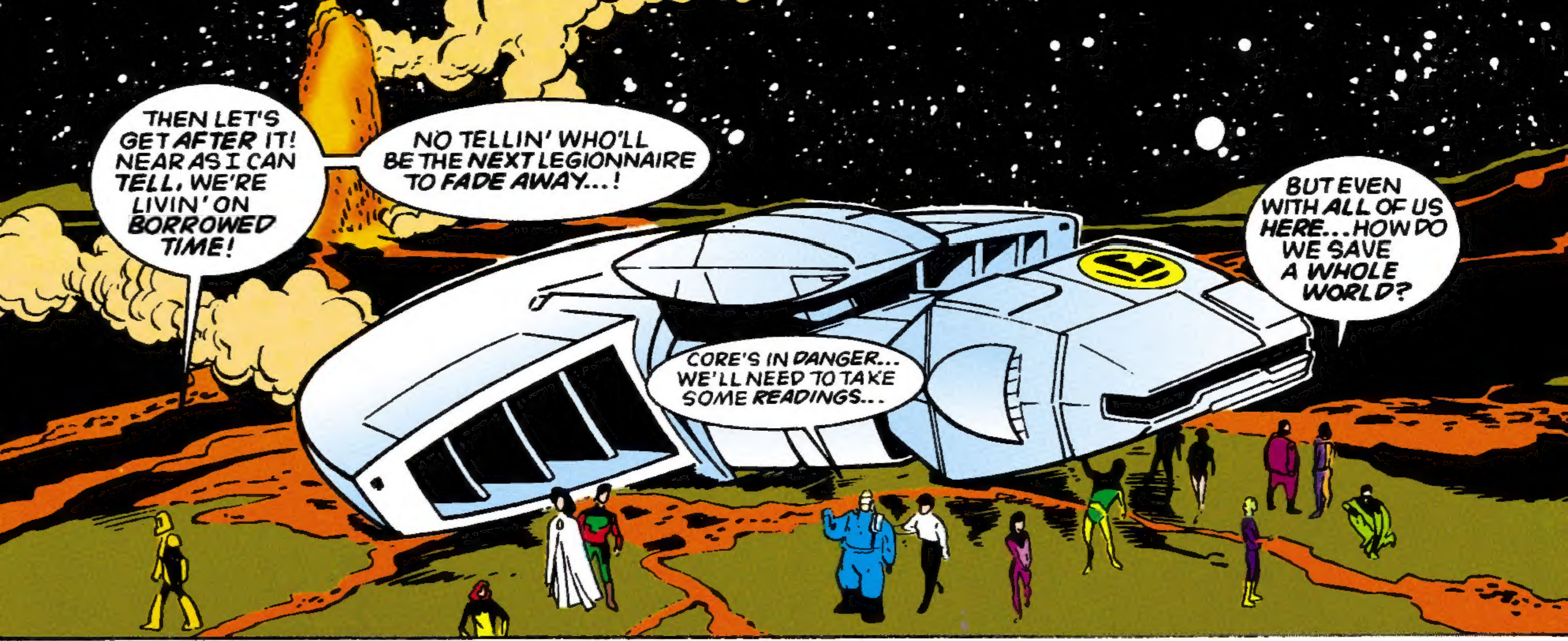
POCKET-EARTH
WAS UNSTABLE TO BEGIN
WITH! IF WE CAN'T KEEP
IT FROM REACTING TO
MORDRU'S POWER,
IT'LL BLOW--

--AND TAKE
THE ENTIRE SOLAR
SYSTEM WITH
IT!

DEDICATED WITH RESPECT AND
ADMIRATION TO BINDER, SIEGEL,
SHOOTER, LEVITZ, GIFFEN AND
THE BIERBAUMS... THE
ARCHITECTS OF TOMORROW!

BY WAID, McCRAW, IMMONEN,
BOYD, PINAHA, McAVENNIE,
AND CARLSON.

SPECIAL THANKS TO KURT BUSIEK!

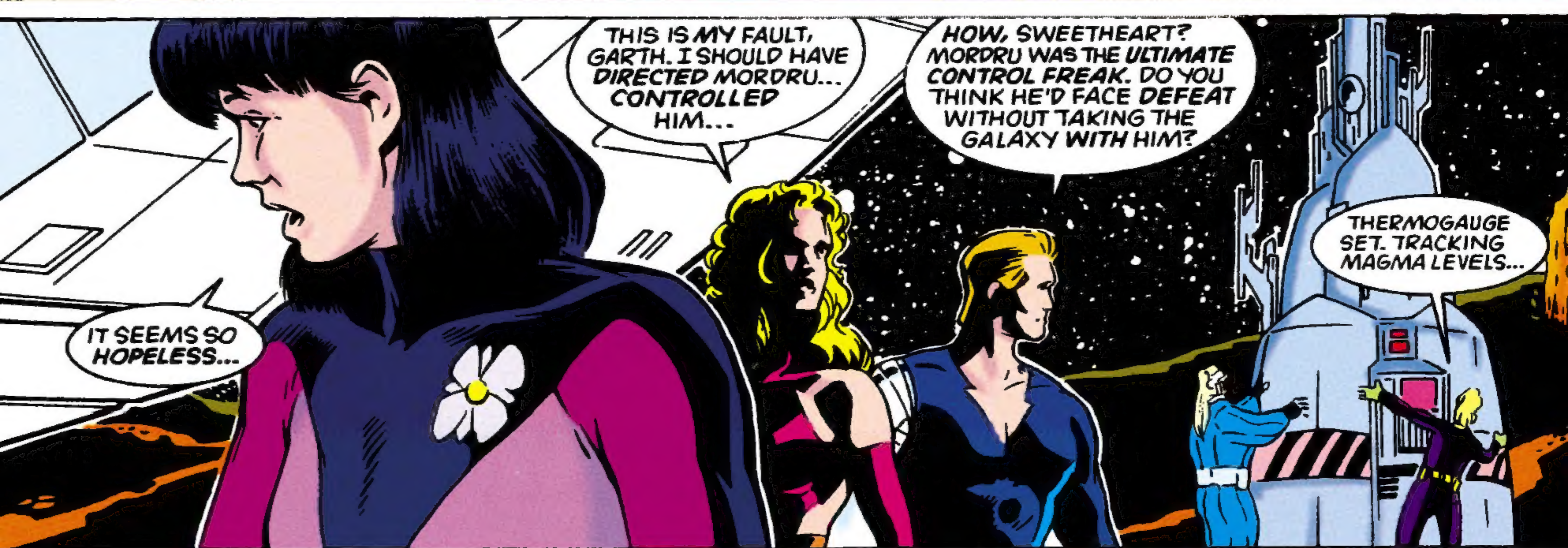


THEN LET'S
GET AFTER IT!
NEAR AS I CAN
TELL, WE'RE
LIVIN' ON
BORROWED
TIME!

NO TELLIN' WHO'LL
BE THE NEXT LEGIONNAIRE
TO FADE AWAY...!

CORE'S IN DANGER...
WE'LL NEED TO TAKE
SOME READINGS...

BUT EVEN
WITH ALL OF US
HERE... HOW DO
WE SAVE
A WHOLE
WORLD?

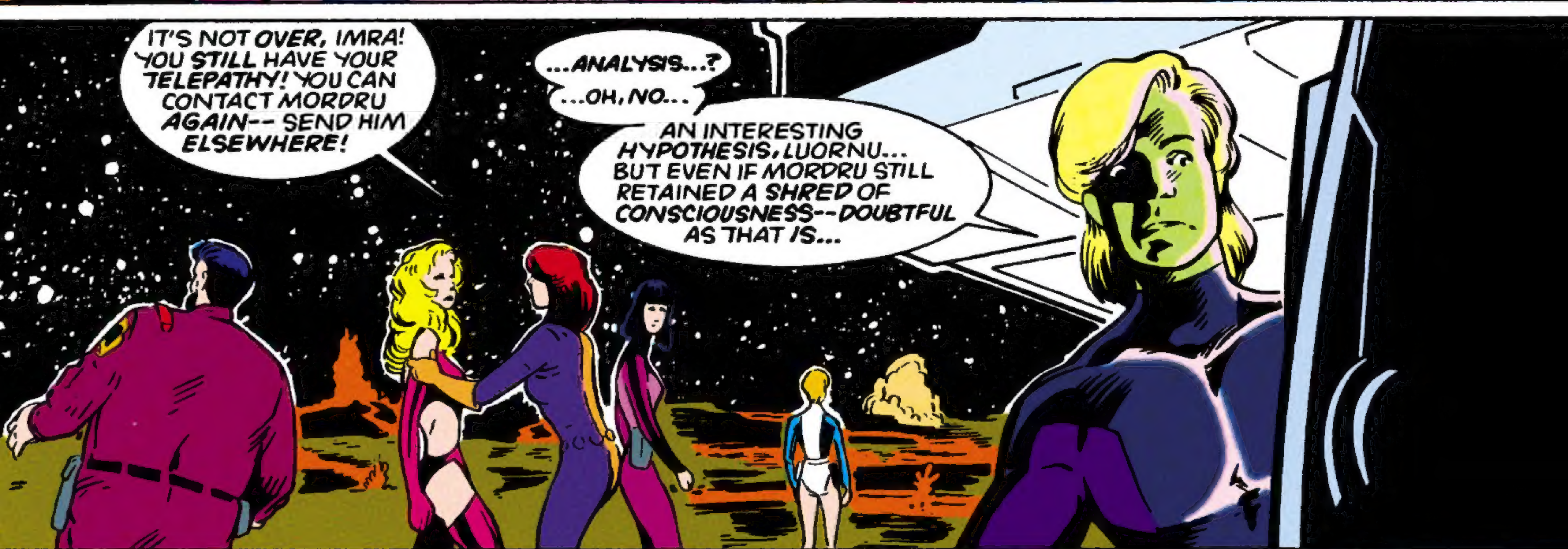


IT SEEMS SO
HOPELESS...

THIS IS MY FAULT,
GARTH. I SHOULD HAVE
DIRECTED MORDRU...
CONTROLLED
HIM...

HOW, SWEETHEART?
MORDRU WAS THE ULTIMATE
CONTROL FREAK. DO YOU
THINK HE'D FACE DEFEAT
WITHOUT TAKING THE
GALAXY WITH HIM?

THERMOGAUGE
SET. TRACKING
MAGMA LEVELS...



IT'S NOT OVER, IMRA!
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR
TELEPATHY! YOU CAN
CONTACT MORDRU
AGAIN-- SEND HIM
ELSEWHERE!

...ANALYSIS...?

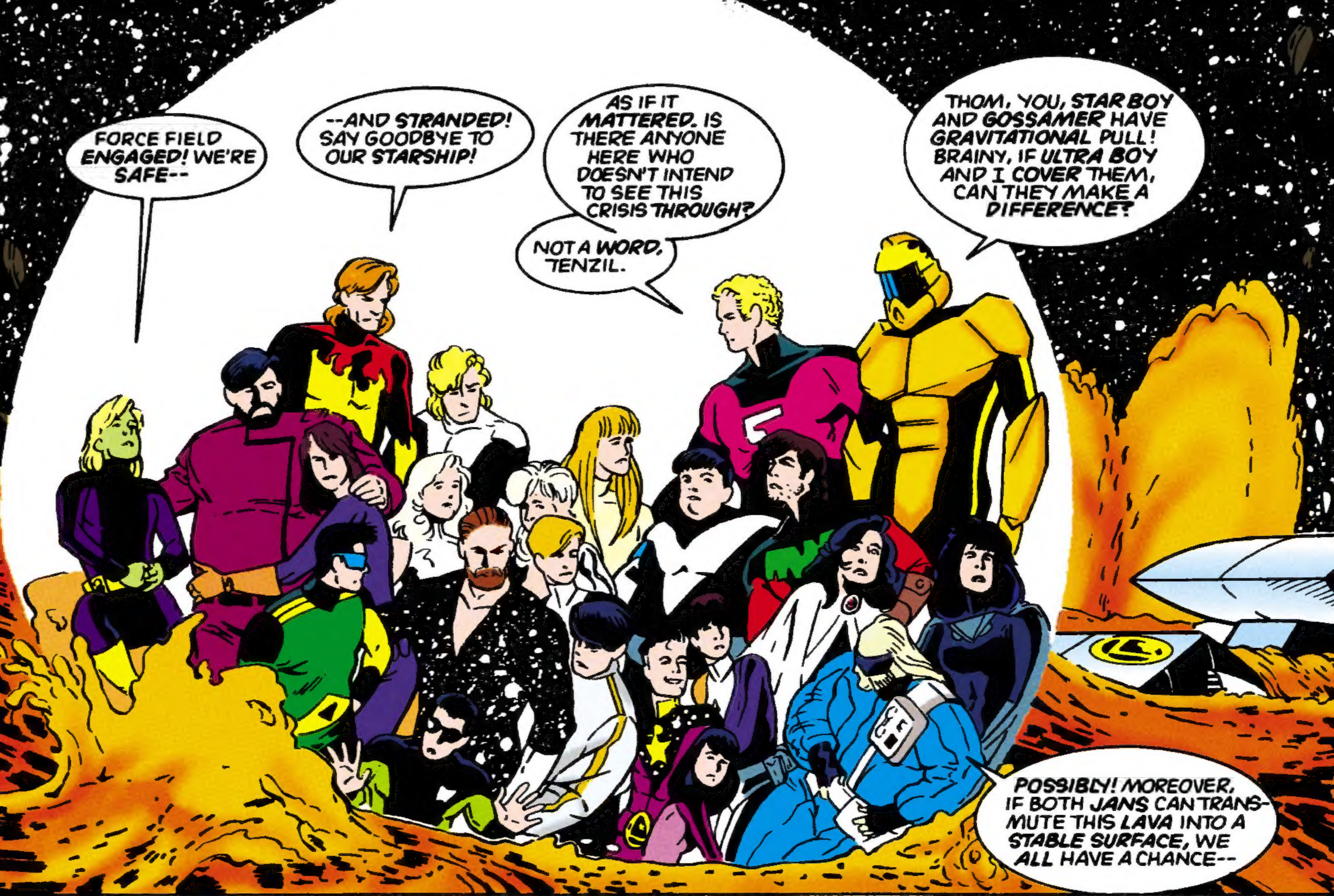
...OH, NO...

AN INTERESTING
HYPOTHESIS, LUORNU...
BUT EVEN IF MORDRU STILL
RETAINED A SHRED OF
CONSCIOUSNESS-- DOUBTFUL
AS THAT IS...



BA-ROOOOM!

...WE
HAVEN'T
TIME TO
REACH
IT!



FORCE FIELD
ENGAGED! WE'RE
SAFE--

--AND STRANDED!
SAY GOODBYE TO
OUR STARSHIP!

AS IF IT
MATTERED. IS
THERE ANYONE
HERE WHO
DOESN'T INTEND
TO SEE THIS
CRISIS THROUGH?

NOT A WORD,
TENZIL.

THOM, YOU, STAR BOY
AND GOSSAMER HAVE
GRAVITATIONAL PULL!
BRAINY, IF ULTRA BOY
AND I COVER THEM,
CAN THEY MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?

POSSIBLY! MOREOVER,
IF BOTH JANS CAN TRANS-
MUTE THIS LAVA INTO A
STABLE SURFACE, WE
ALL HAVE A CHANCE--



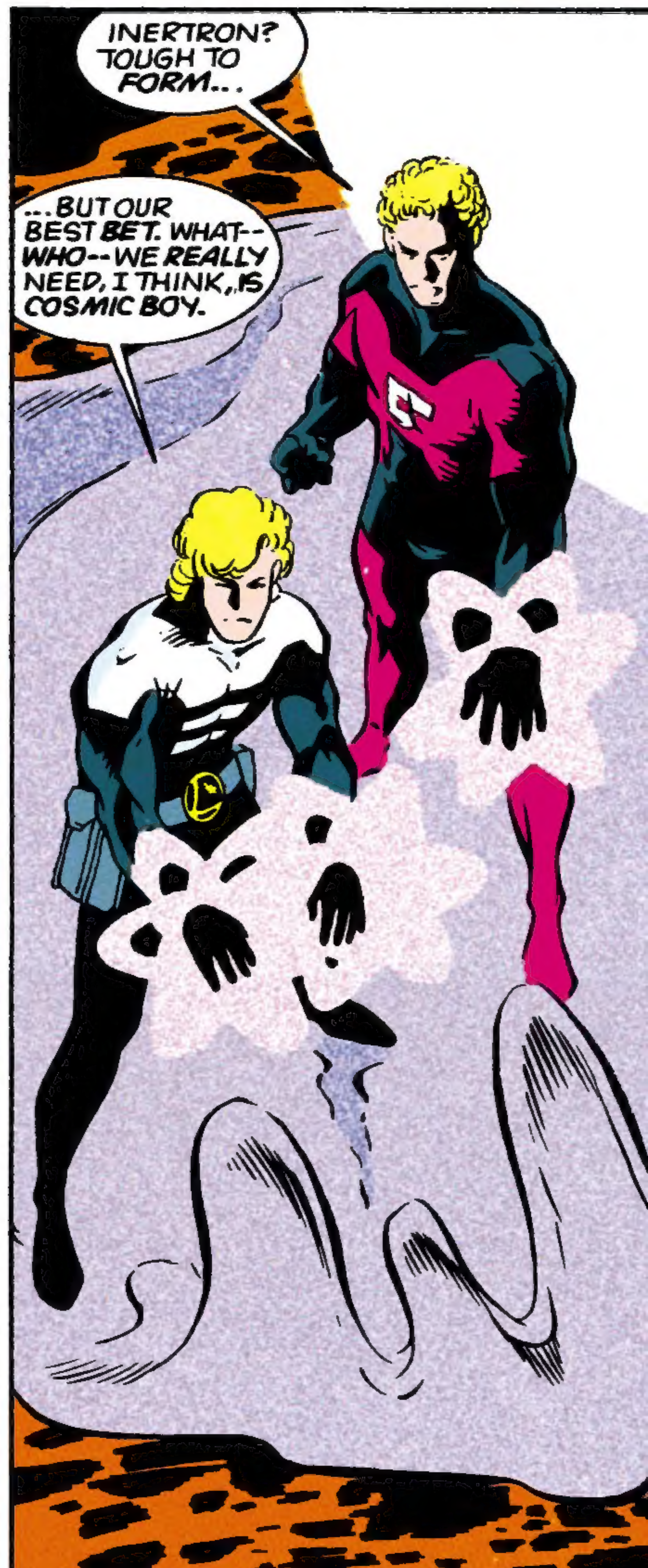
--BUT WE
MUST ACT FAST!
GO!

GO!



WHAT ABOUT
THE REST OF US?
WE CAN'T PUSH
PLANETS, BUT WE
CAN STILL HELP...
CAN'T WE?

DON'T LOOK
AT US. WE HAD
PLANET FOR
BREAKFAST...!



INERTRON?
TOUGH TO
FORM...

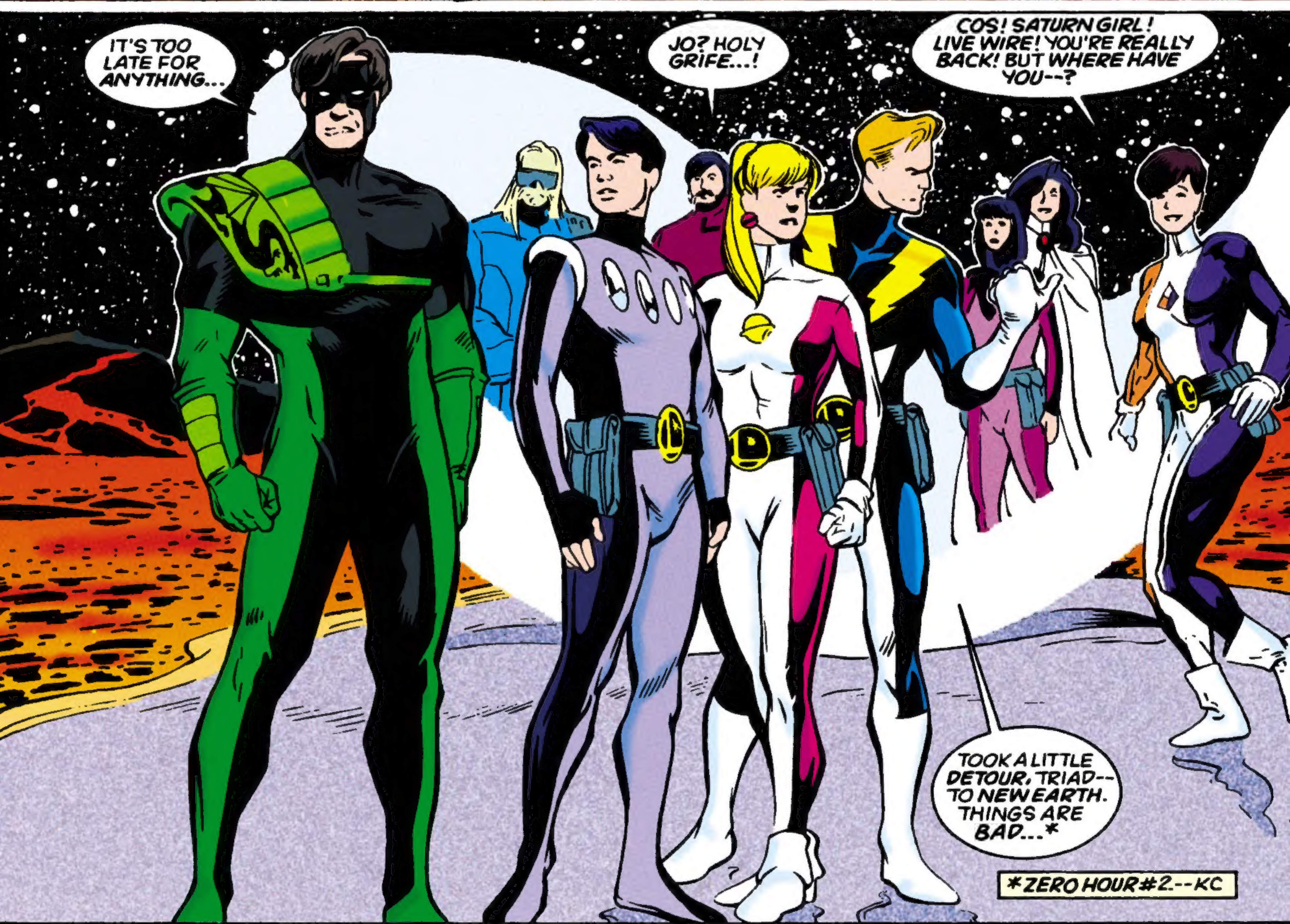
...BUT OUR
BEST BET. WHAT--
WHO-- WE REALLY
NEED, I THINK, IS
COSMIC BOY.



HIS MAGNETIC POWERS MIGHT ENABLE HIM TO STRATIFY A PLANETARY CRUST...

I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT, ALCHEMIST.

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT.



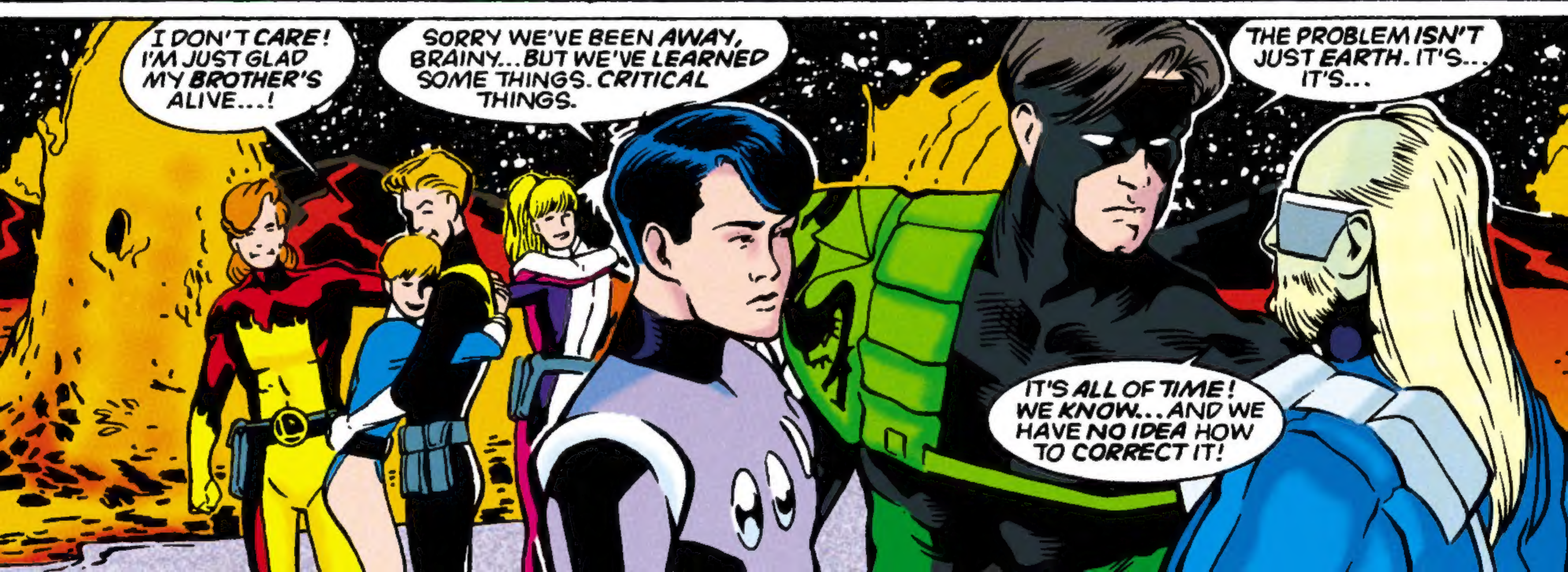
IT'S TOO LATE FOR ANYTHING...

JO? HOLY GRIFE...!

COS! SATURN GIRL! LIVE WIRE! YOU'RE REALLY BACK! BUT WHERE HAVE YOU--?

TOOK A LITTLE DETOUR, TRIAD-- TO NEW EARTH. THINGS ARE BAD...*

*ZERO HOUR #2--KC

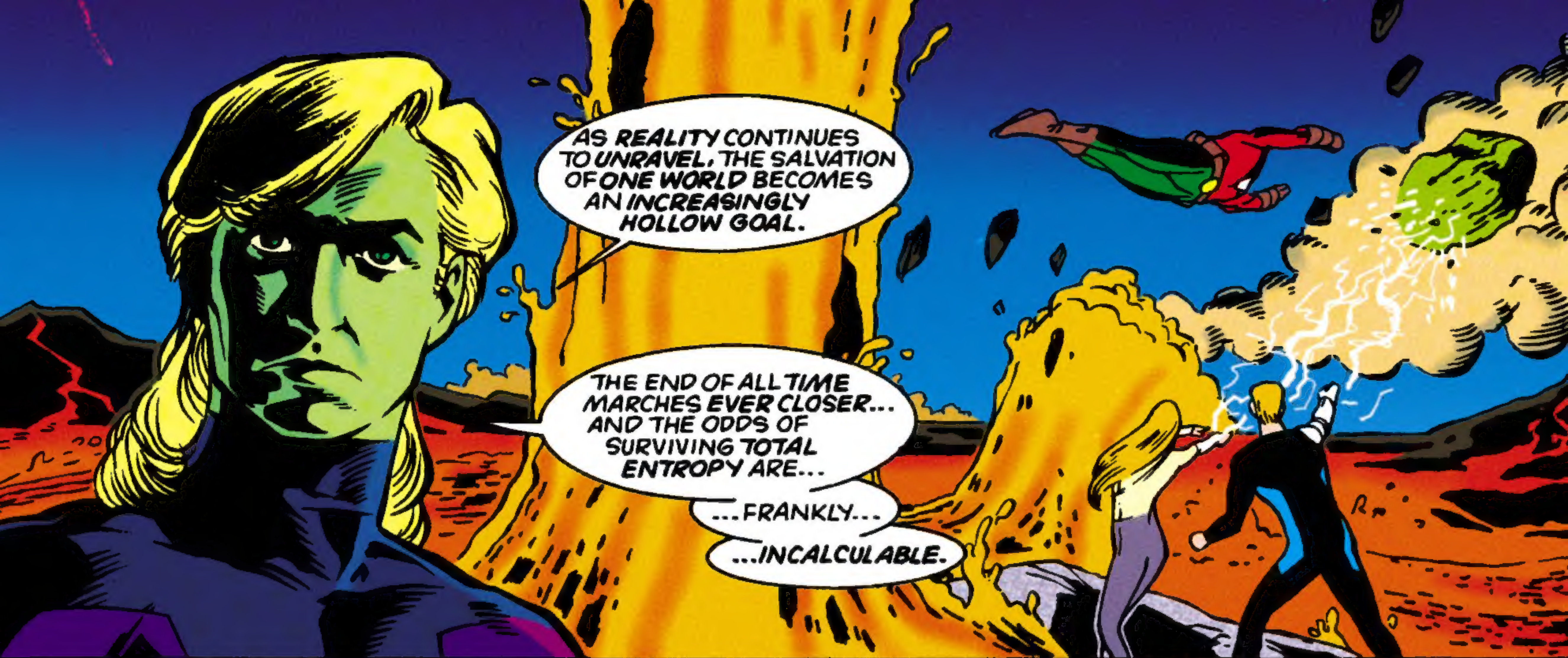


I DON'T CARE! I'M JUST GLAD MY BROTHER'S ALIVE...!

SORRY WE'VE BEEN AWAY, BRAINY... BUT WE'VE LEARNED SOME THINGS. CRITICAL THINGS.

THE PROBLEM ISN'T JUST EARTH. IT'S... IT'S...

IT'S ALL OF TIME! WE KNOW... AND WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO CORRECT IT!



AS REALITY CONTINUES TO UNRAVEL, THE SALVATION OF ONE WORLD BECOMES AN INCREASINGLY HOLLOW GOAL.

THE END OF ALL TIME MARCHES EVER CLOSER... AND THE ODDS OF SURVIVING TOTAL ENTROPY ARE...

...FRANKLY...

...INCALCULABLE.



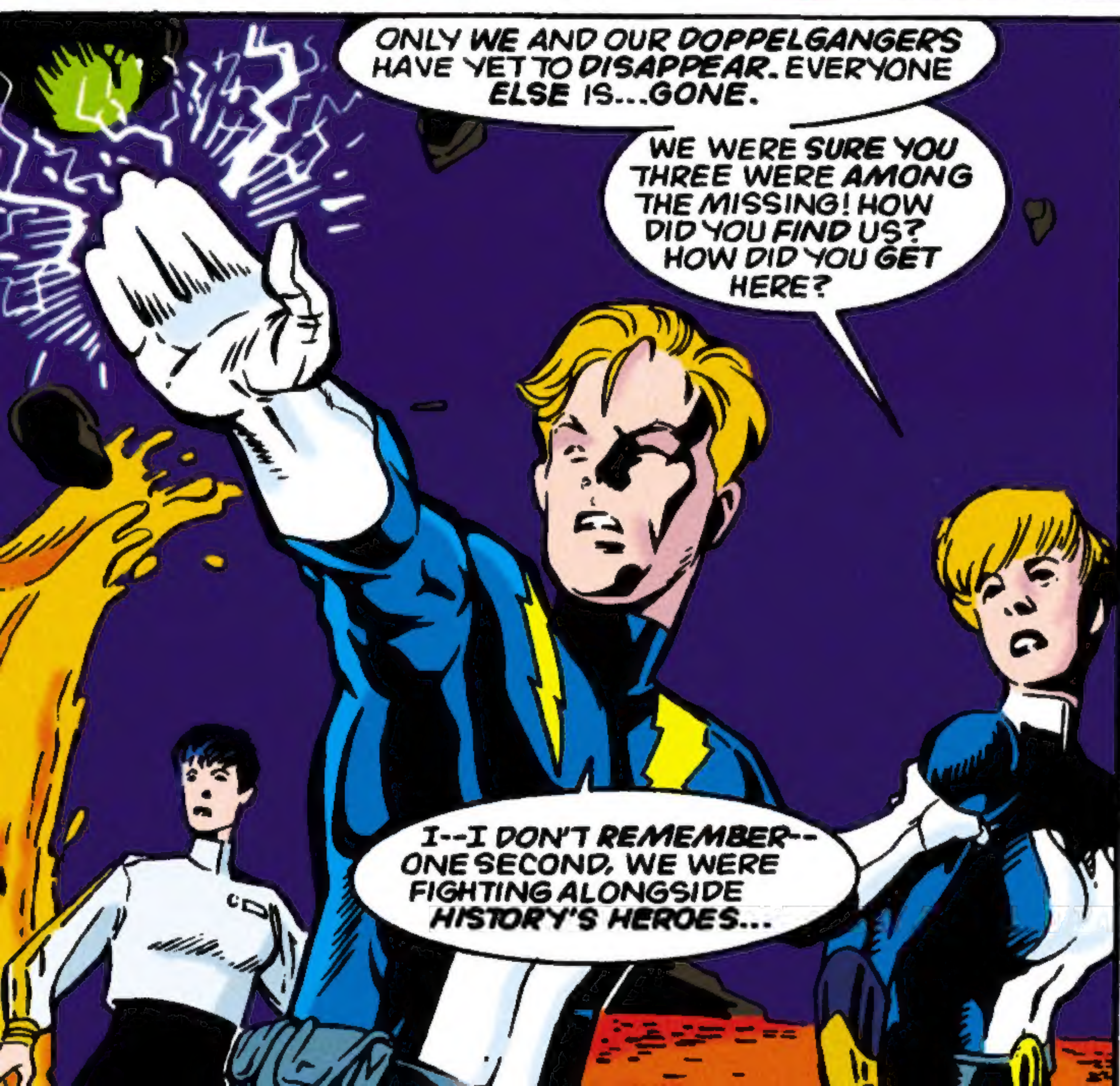
YEAH? WELL, JUNIOR, CALCULATE A LITTLE HARDER, OKAY? YOU'RE SAYING THE UNIVERSE CAN'T BOUNCE BACK?

I WON'T ACCEPT THAT!



NOR WILL I! WE'RE THE LEGION! WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AS A TEAM-- BUT WE NEED MORE POWER! WHERE'S LEVIATHAN, OR DRAGONMAGE, OR...?

VANISHED... LOST IN BATTLE ON TALUS.



ONLY WE AND OUR DOPPELGANGERS HAVE YET TO DISAPPEAR. EVERYONE ELSE IS...GONE.

WE WERE SURE YOU THREE WERE AMONG THE MISSING! HOW DID YOU FIND US? HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

I--I DON'T REMEMBER-- ONE SECOND, WE WERE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE HISTORY'S HEROES...



...THE NEXT, YOU CHARGE IN LIKE THE CAVALRY? HOW CAN THAT BE?

AS WITH SO MANY THINGS, SALU DIGBY...



...IT WAS
SIMPLY A MATTER
OF TIME!

THE TIME
TRAPPER!

OF COURSE! MORDRU
AND GLORITH...THEY
SPOKE OF THE ONE
ENEMY WHO COULD
THWART THEM!

WE SHOULD
HAVE GUESSED
WHO THAT
WOULD BE!



WHO ELSE WOULD STAND AT
THE CENTER OF TIME'S
FRACTURE? HE'S FINALLY
DOOMED US ALL! HE'S
WON!

NOT WITHOUT
A FIGHT! LAST STAND,
EVERYBODY! ON MY
SIGNAL---



WAIT! YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND!

AS HARD AS IT IS
TO BELIEVE--THE
TRAPPER'S OUR
ONLY HOPE!

--ROKK!



HELLO, DARLING!

ROKK! THANK GOD! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE...



...GONE...

...FOREVER...

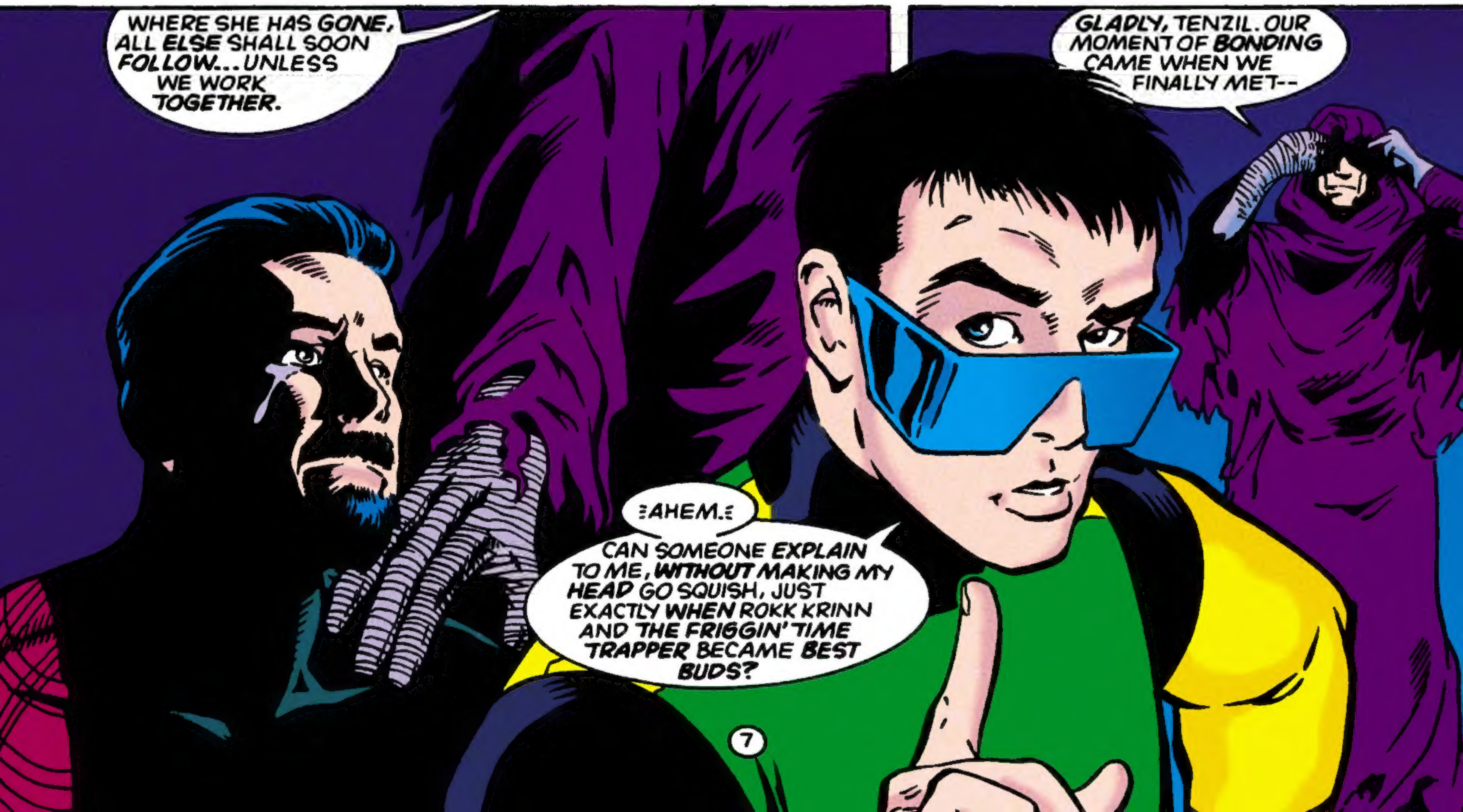
LYDDA?

LYDDAAA!



TOO LATE. I WAS TOO LATE...

YOU KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN. YOU HAD A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE. YOU DESERVED NO LESS... BUT I COULD ARRANGE NO MORE.

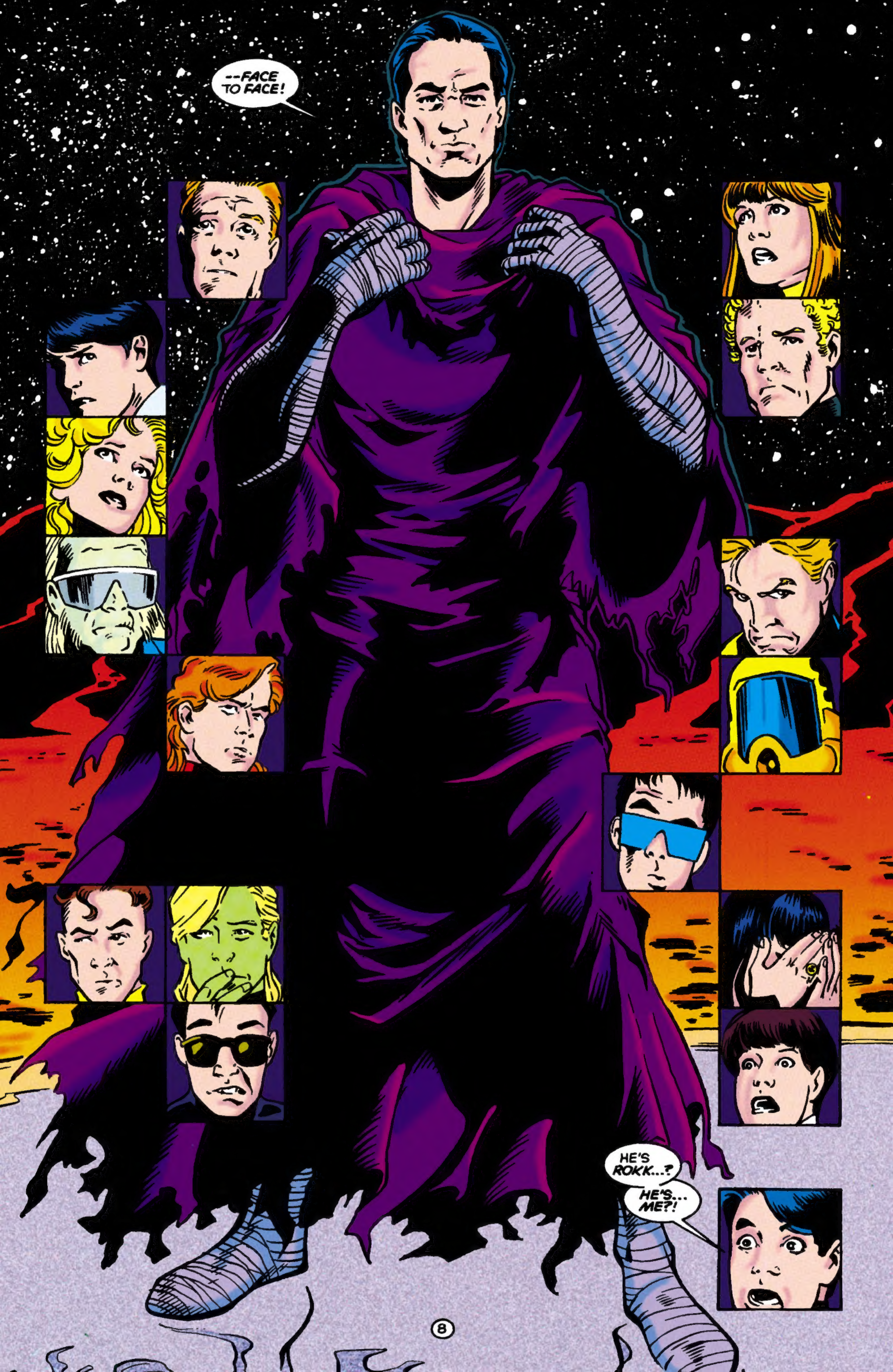


WHERE SHE HAS GONE, ALL ELSE SHALL SOON FOLLOW... UNLESS WE WORK TOGETHER.

GLADLY, TENZIL. OUR MOMENT OF BONDING CAME WHEN WE FINALLY MET--

==AHM==

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO ME, WITHOUT MAKING MY HEAD GO SQUISH, JUST EXACTLY WHEN ROKK KRINN AND THE FRIGGIN' TIME TRAPPER BECAME BEST BUDS?



--FACE
TO FACE!

HE'S
ROKK...?
HE'S...
ME?!



IT'S ANOTHER TRICK!
IT HAS TO BE! I'LL BET HE
CAUSED THIS... WHAT
DID VALOR CALL IT...?
THIS CRISIS IN TIME!

ROKK'S FACE
WON'T EARN YOU
MY TRUST,
TRAPPER!



THEN HOW
ABOUT MY WORD?
LISTEN TO ME,
ULTRA BOY --
HE'S TELLING
THE TRUTH!

HOW DO
YOU--?

I KNOW! IN MY
ABSENCE, I LEARNED
ALL THE SECRETS
OF TIME!

I WAS DESTINED TO
BECOME THE TRAPPER--
TO TRY TIME AND AGAIN
IN VAIN TO PREVENT
THIS CATASTROPHE!

INSTEAD, I BROKE THE
PATTERN AND CHOSE
ANOTHER ROUTE--A
DRASTIC PATH TO
TRIUMPH THAT ONLY
THE LEGION CAN
MAKE WORK!



YOUR TEAM HAS
ALREADY ACHIEVED A
MEASURE OF VICTORY.
HAD MORDRU AND GLORITH
NOT BEEN STOPPED, THE
TIMESTREAM WOULD
HAVE BEEN TOO
CORRUPTED FOR REPAIR.

THE LEGION
MUST NOW CAPITALIZE
ON THAT VICTORY.

YEARS AGO I TRIED
TO SAVE THE LEGION BY
DIVIDING IT CHRONALLY.
THE YOUNG LEGIONNAIRES--
AS YET UNTOUCHED BY
THE SPECTER OF DEATH--
WERE MEANT TO SURVIVE
THIS CRISIS.

BY DIVERGING THE
LEGION INTO TWO SEPARATE
TIME TRACKS, HOWEVER, I
CAUSED A DEVASTATING
PARADOX THAT FURTHER
WEAKENED TIME.



THEN WE HAVE TO
CORRECT THAT
PARADOX-- BUT
HOW?



THE ANSWER LIES IN UNIFICA-
TION. ONLY THE LEGIONNAIRES
WHO HAVE DIRECT COUNTER-
PARTS HAVE SURVIVED TIME'S
FRAGMENTATION-- BECAUSE
THEY ARE THE KEY.

IF THE UNIVERSE IS TO
WEATHER THE COMING
CHRONAL STORM, HEROES
YOUNG AND OLD-- EACH
AS REAL AS HIS DOPPEL-
GANGER-- MUST BECOME
ONE AGAIN!



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT WE HAVE TO SACRIFICE
OUR LIVES? WHAT WILL
THAT BUY THE
UNIVERSE?



SURVIVAL.

EVEN AS WE SPEAK,
THE FORCES OF ENTROPY
ENGULF OUR ERA.

STARS VANISH...
PLANETS DISAPPEAR...LOVED
ONES FADE FROM EXISTENCE...
AND THERE IS NOTHING WE
CAN DO TO STOP IT.THERE
NEVER WAS...AND BELIEVE
ME, I HAVE TRIED.

ALL IS NOT LOST, HOW-
EVER.THERE IS A SLIM CHANCE
THAT IN THE WAKE OF ENTROPY,
TIME CAN BE REBUILT...IF
ITS WOUNDS ARE QUICKLY
HEALED.

THOUGH NOT THE
CAUSE OF TIME'S CHAOS,
THE LEGION'S SPLIT
NEVERTHELESS GAVE RISE
TO TIME'S CONFUSION...
AND CAUSED MORE
PROBLEMS THAN IT
EVER WOULD HAVE
SOLVED.

LONG HAVE I KNOWN
OF THE THIRTIETH CENTURY'S
APPROACHING END. PERHAPS
IT WAS THE HORROR OF THAT
KNOWLEDGE WHICH, IN TIME,
DROVE ME INSANE WITH
DESPERATION...TRANS-
FORMED ME FROM SAVIOR
TO SINNER...

...IT MATTERS NOT.
WHAT COUNTS AT THIS
MOMENT IS TIME'S FINAL
DISSOLUTION,ENGINEERED
BY ENEMIES MORE
HOSTILE THAN MYSELF.

NOW, WITH MY
HELP, THOSE SAME
DOPPELGANGERS
MUST REVERSE
THEIR SPLIT... AND
MERGE
TOGETHER.

IF TIME IS
EVER TO REALIGN...
THE PARADOX OF
YOUR COEXISTENCE
MUST FIRST BE
ELIMINATED.



BNOOSH

AIEEEE!

LOOK OUT!
THE PLATFORM--
IT'S BREAKING UP!



EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

FOR THE MOMENT! BUT WHATEVER WE CHOOSE TO DO-- WE'D BETTER DO IT SOON!

THE TRAPPER IS--



LYING! MY ADULT COUNTERPART DIED MONTHS AGO! IF WE'RE THE HOPE OF THE UNIVERSE... THEN WHERE'S MY DOUBLE?

ANSWER THAT, SOMEBODY!



OKAY, KID.
JUST REMEMBER--
YOU ASKED.

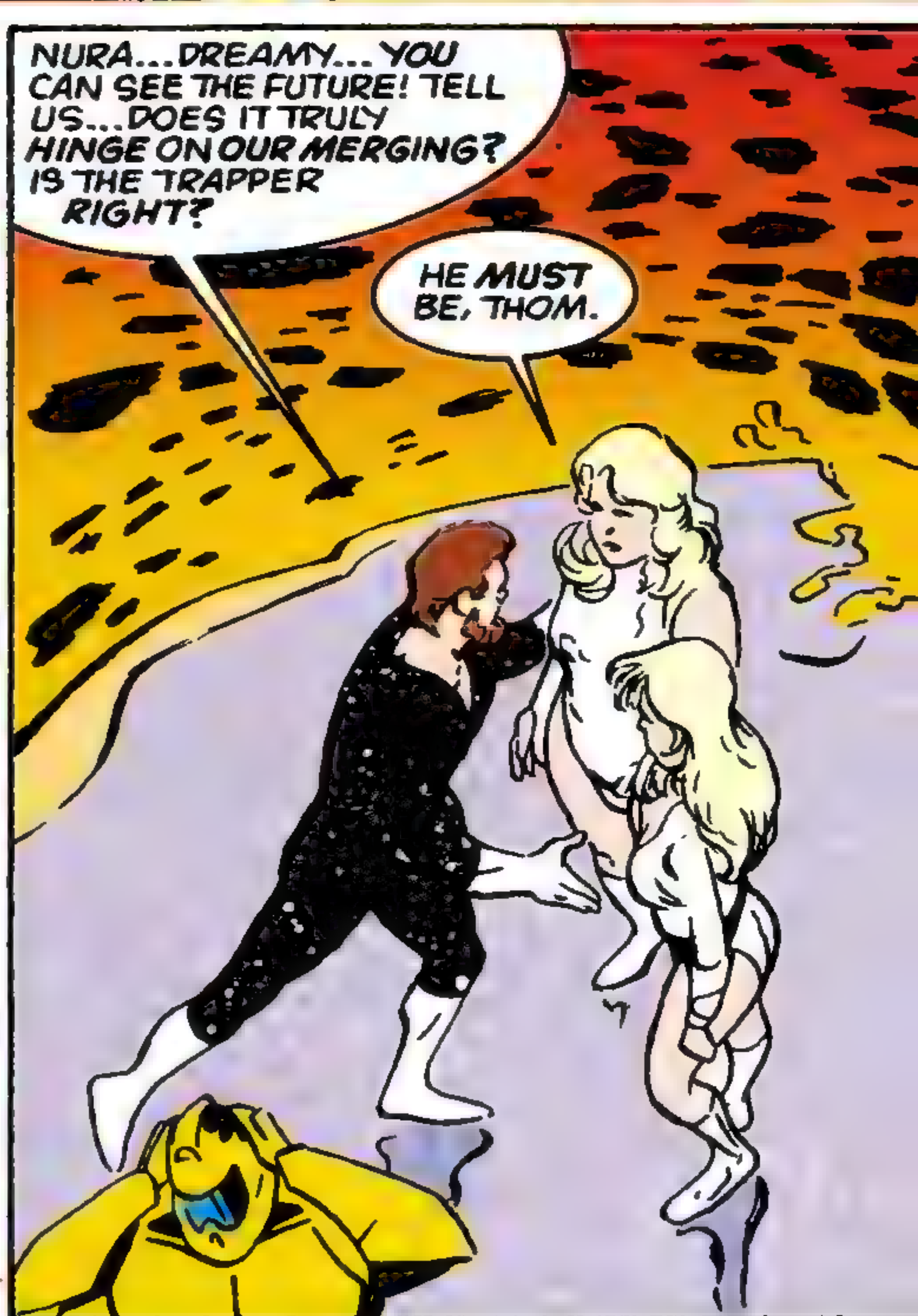
WILDFIRE?!

DRAKE...?



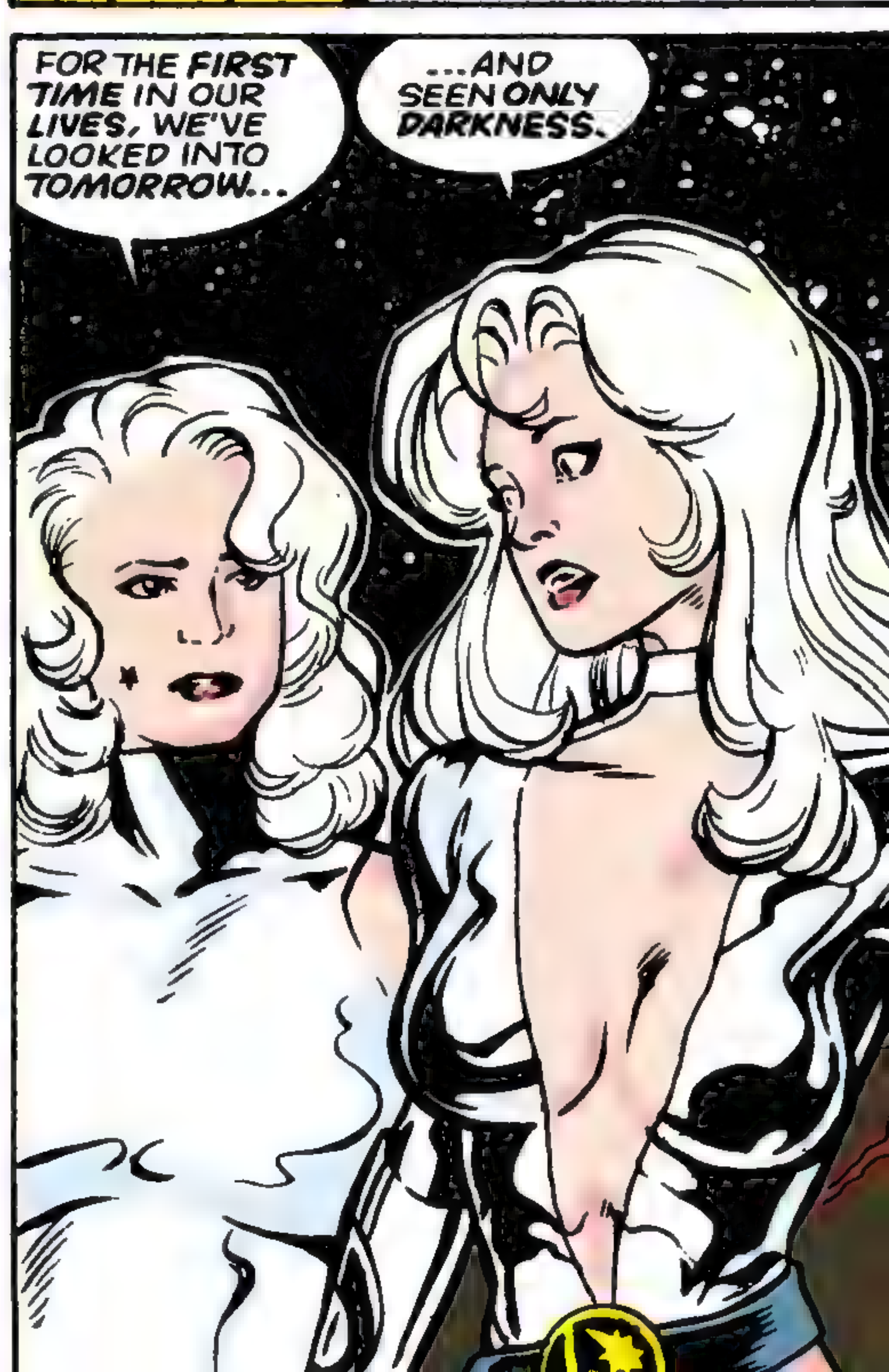
YEAH, DRAKE...
HOUSED IN DIRK'S
BODY.

AFTER GETTIN' FREE FROM
THE SUN, MY ENERGIES
STARTED DISSIPATIN'.
I NEEDED SOMETHING TO
CONTAIN 'EM, BUT THERE
WAS NOTHIN' AROUND.



NURA... DREAMY... YOU
CAN SEE THE FUTURE! TELL
US... DOES IT TRULY
HINGE ON OUR MERGING?
IS THE TRAPPER
RIGHT?

HE MUST
BE, THOM.



FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN OUR
LIVES, WE'VE
LOOKED INTO
TOMORROW...

...AND
SEEN ONLY
DARKNESS.

I LANDED ON
SHANGHALLA, THINKIN'
I WAS GONNA DIE, WHEN
I FOUND DIRK'S BODY.
IT WAS EXACTLY WHAT I
NEEDED, AND I WAS
DESPERATE, SO...

...I TRIED HIDIN'
IT FROM ALL OF YOU 'CAUSE
I WAS ASHAMED, BUT I
GUESS THERE'S... NO
MORE TIME FOR
SECRETS.

PLEASE...
PLEASE FORGIVE
ME...



JO!

IT'S HAPPENING
TO ME, TOO! DON'T
LET ME GO!

DON'T
LET ME
GO!



DAMN IT! YOU CAN'T LET THIS
HAPPEN! I LOST MY TINYA! SHE
WAS TAKEN FROM ME IN A SHIP
EXPLOSION BEFORE I COULD EVEN
TELL HER GOODBYE!

DON'T MAKE HIM
GO THROUGH THAT
SAME PAIN!

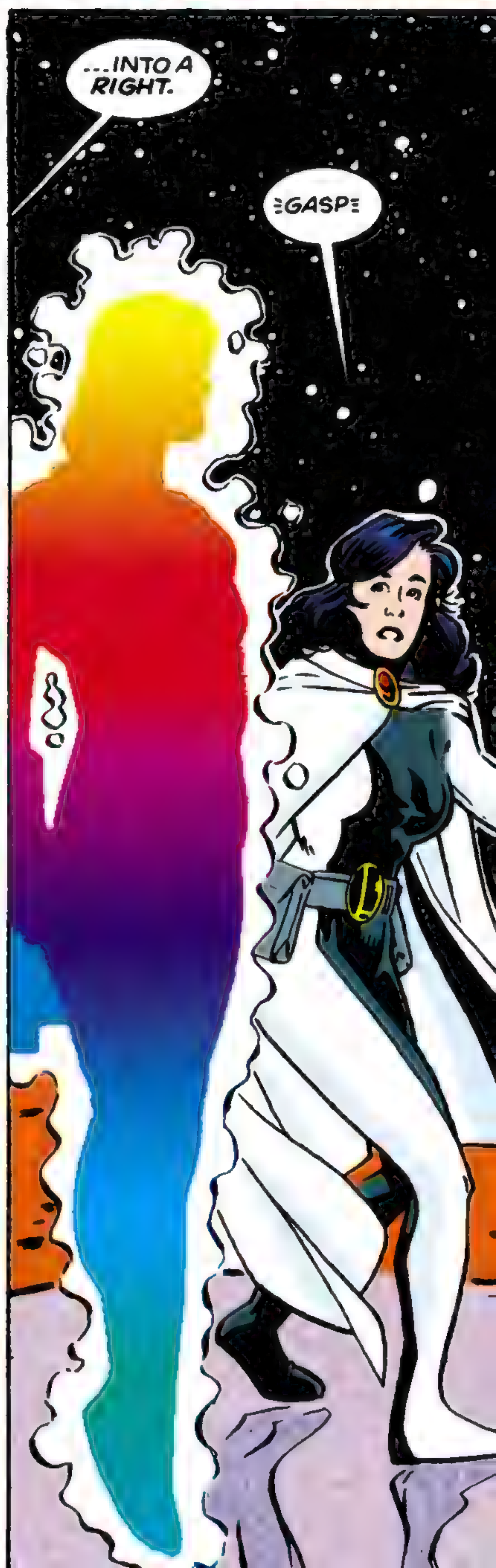
DO
SOMETHING!

JO,
APPARITION'S
DOPPELGANGER
IS LONG GONE!
THERE'S
NOTHING---

WAIT.

THOUGH IT WILL TAKE NEARLY
ALL MY REMAINING POWER,
I MAY YET BE ABLE TO
CHANGE THE FINALITY
OF HER FATE...

...BY REACHING THROUGH
THE FOLDS OF HISTORY
AND TURNING TWO
WRONGS...



...INTO A
RIGHT.

≡GASP≡

"TINYA...!"



DARLING--WHY
ARE YOU CRYING?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

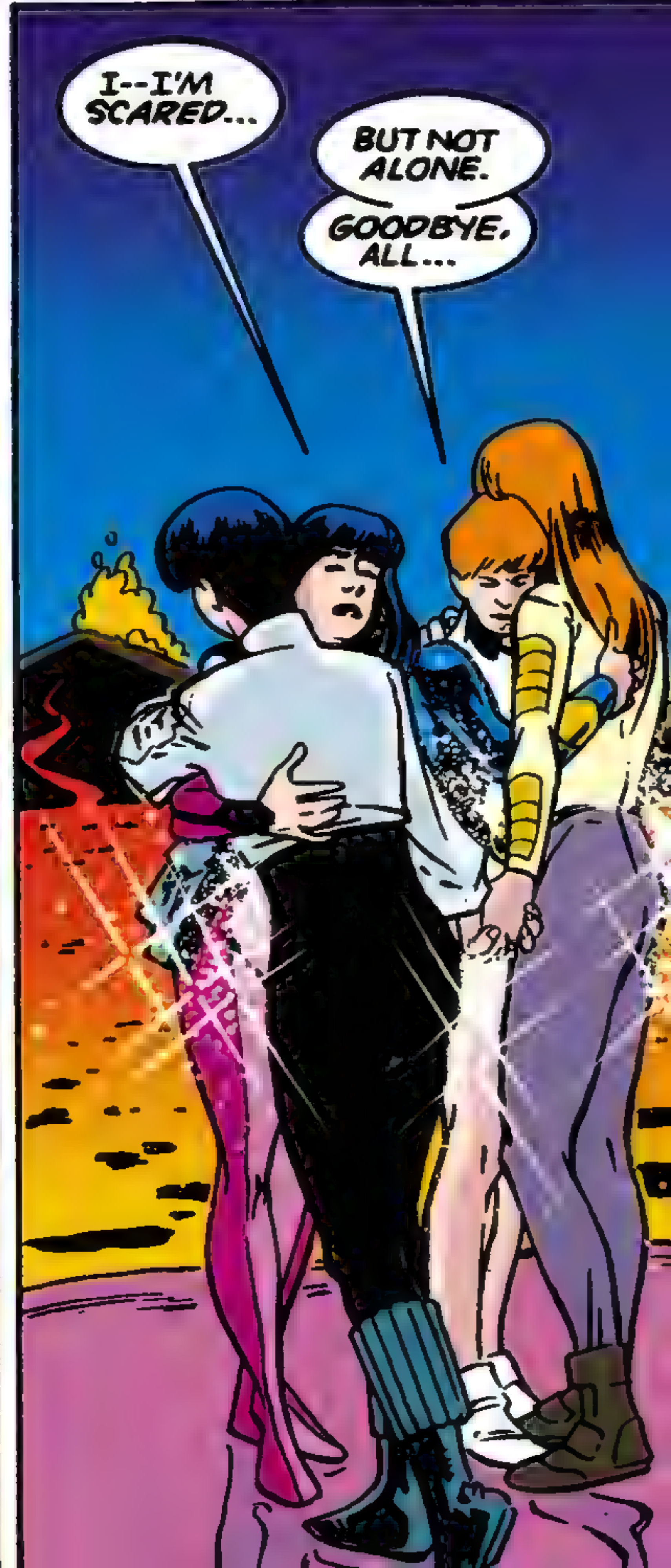
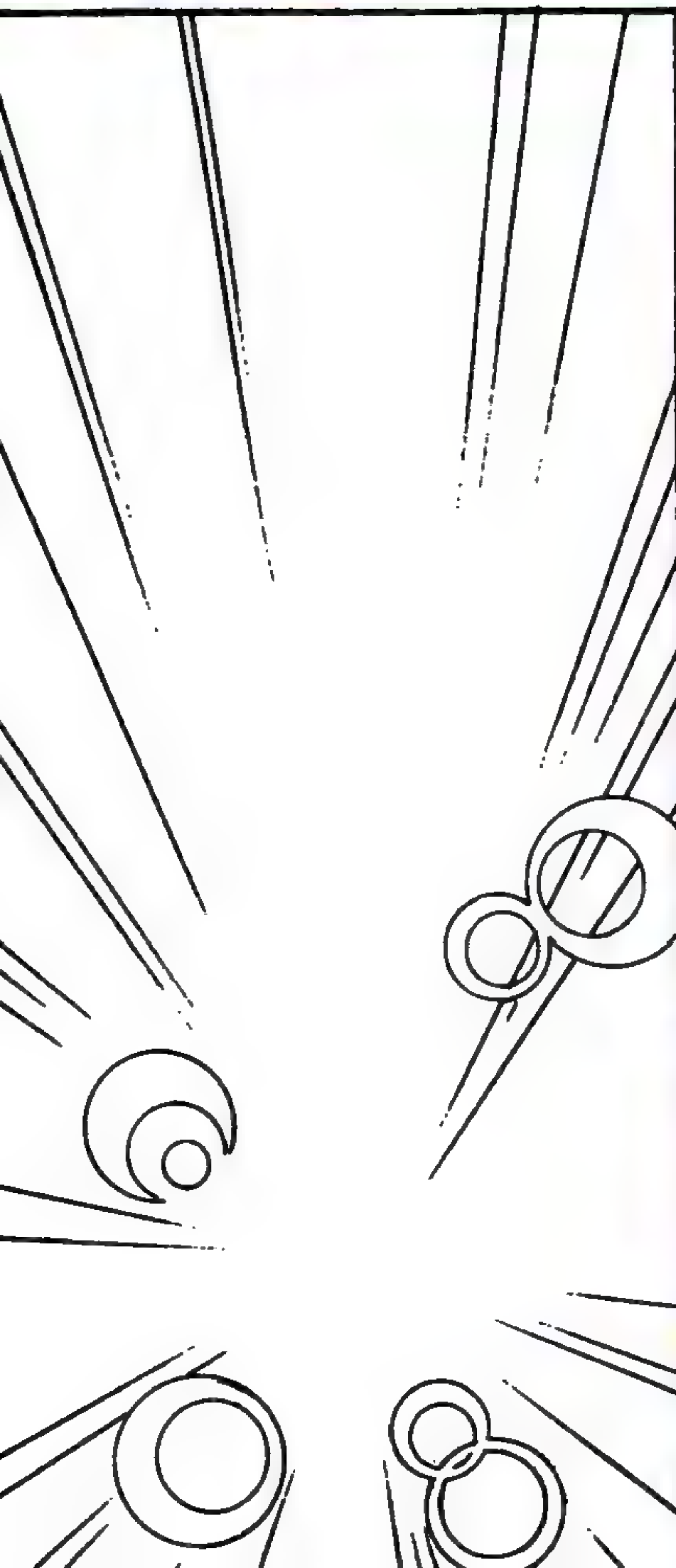
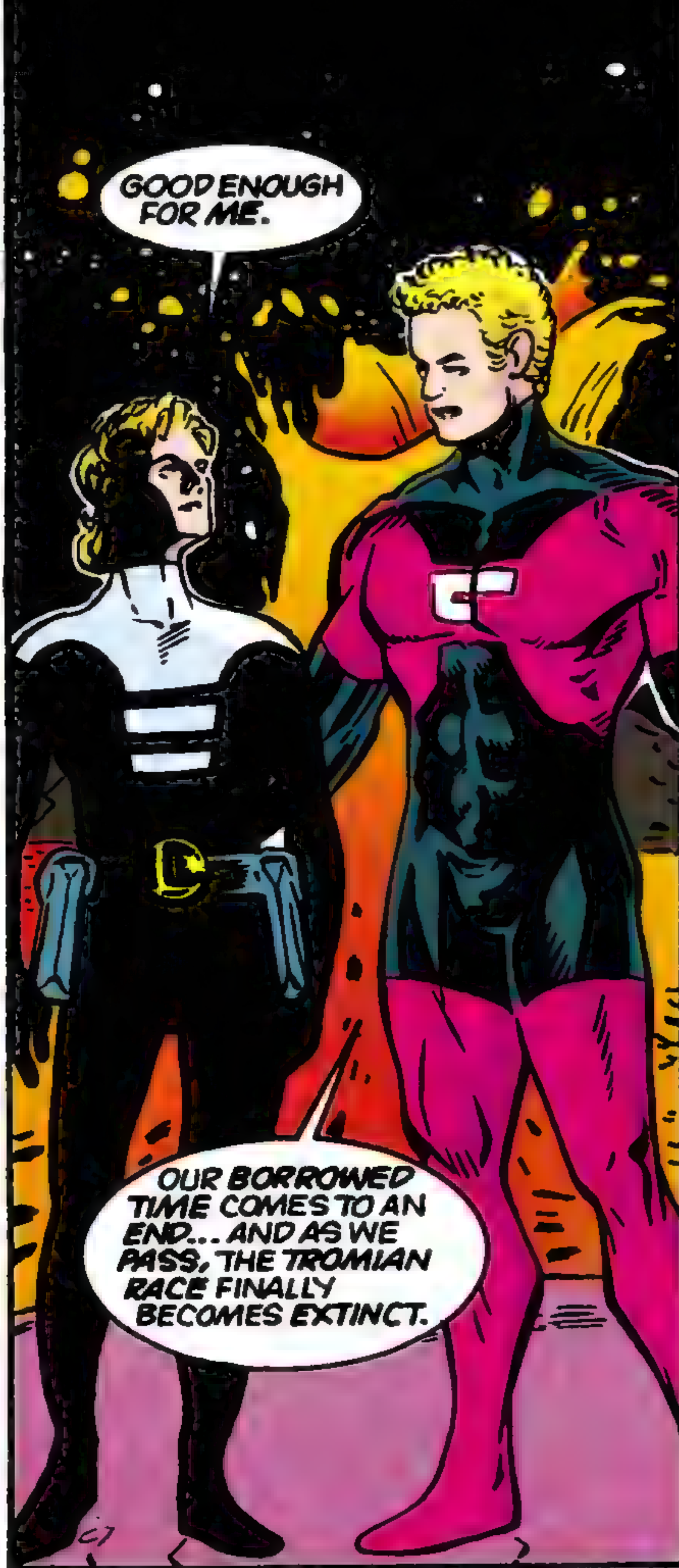
THE LAST THING
I REMEMBER WAS
BEING ON A SHIP...
WAVING TO
YOU...

...WHERE
AM I NOW?

IT DOESN'T MATTER,
BABY. JUST FOLLOW
ME... AND I PROMISE
YOU...

...WE'LL BE
TOGETHER IN
GLORY...WHERE
WE BELONG.







WE NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO TRY THIS COMBINATION, DID WE?

I DON'T MIND IT, REALLY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME... I FEEL COMPLETE...



FIVE INTO THREE INTO NONE. THAT SIZZLE-POP YOU JUST HEARD WAS BRAINY TRYING TO MAKE THE CALCULATION. RIGHT, KID? KID?

YOU MEAN...

...YOU MEAN I COULD HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO ALL THAT?

HA! SHOULDA, COULDA, WOULD A. DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, SON. YOU DON'T WANT TO GO OUT CRYING...

...C'MON. LET'S FOLLOW THE LADIES...



I SUPPOSE I'M EXPECTED TO SAY I KNEW THIS WAS COMING.

IF YOU WERE THAT SHARP, SWEETIE, YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN TO STAY AWAY FROM THE CARBO-HYDRATES...



WAIT! NOT YET. I...

...I NEED...

...THERE'S JUST...

...I WANT TO...



...OH, HELL.

MMMMMMMMMMMM



INTERESTING.

THAT'S ALL YOU CAN SAY? YOU NEED TO GET OUT MORE, BUD.

WHEE--EW!

ARE WE READY? ARE WE SURE?

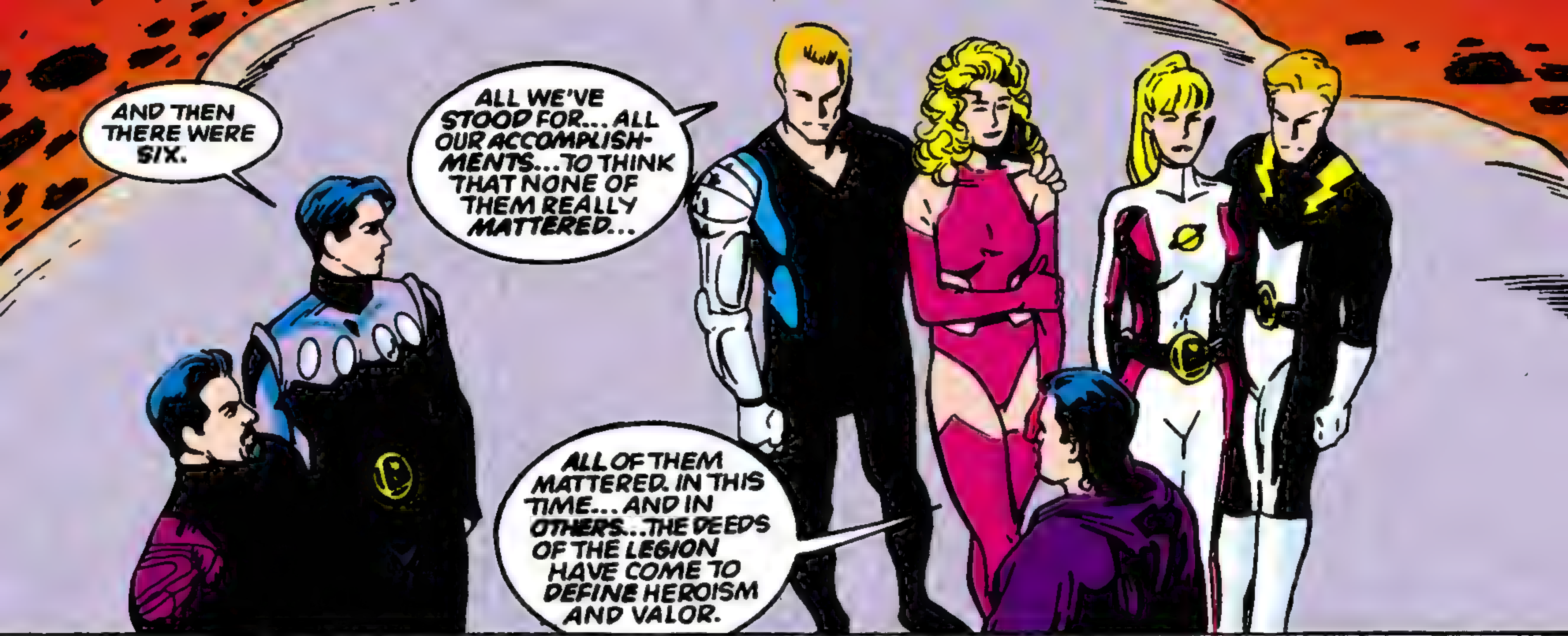
CHECK THE JOB DESCRIPTION, KIDDO.

WE'RE GIVING OUR LIVES TO SAVE THE GALAXY!

"THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT."

"THAT'S WHAT WE DO."





AND THEN THERE WERE SIX.

ALL WE'VE STOOD FOR... ALL OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS... TO THINK THAT NONE OF THEM REALLY MATTERED...

ALL OF THEM MATTERED. IN THIS TIME... AND IN OTHERS... THE DEEDS OF THE LEGION HAVE COME TO DEFINE HEROISM AND VALOR.



AS THIS REALITY FADES, SO SHALL MORDRU, GLORITH AND MYSELF... LEAVING THE TIMESTREAM STRONG AND UNCHALLENGED.

WITH OUR BANISHMENT, HISTORY CANNOT BE FRAGMENTED EVER AGAIN... AND THEREIN LIES THE GREATEST VICTORY OF ALL.

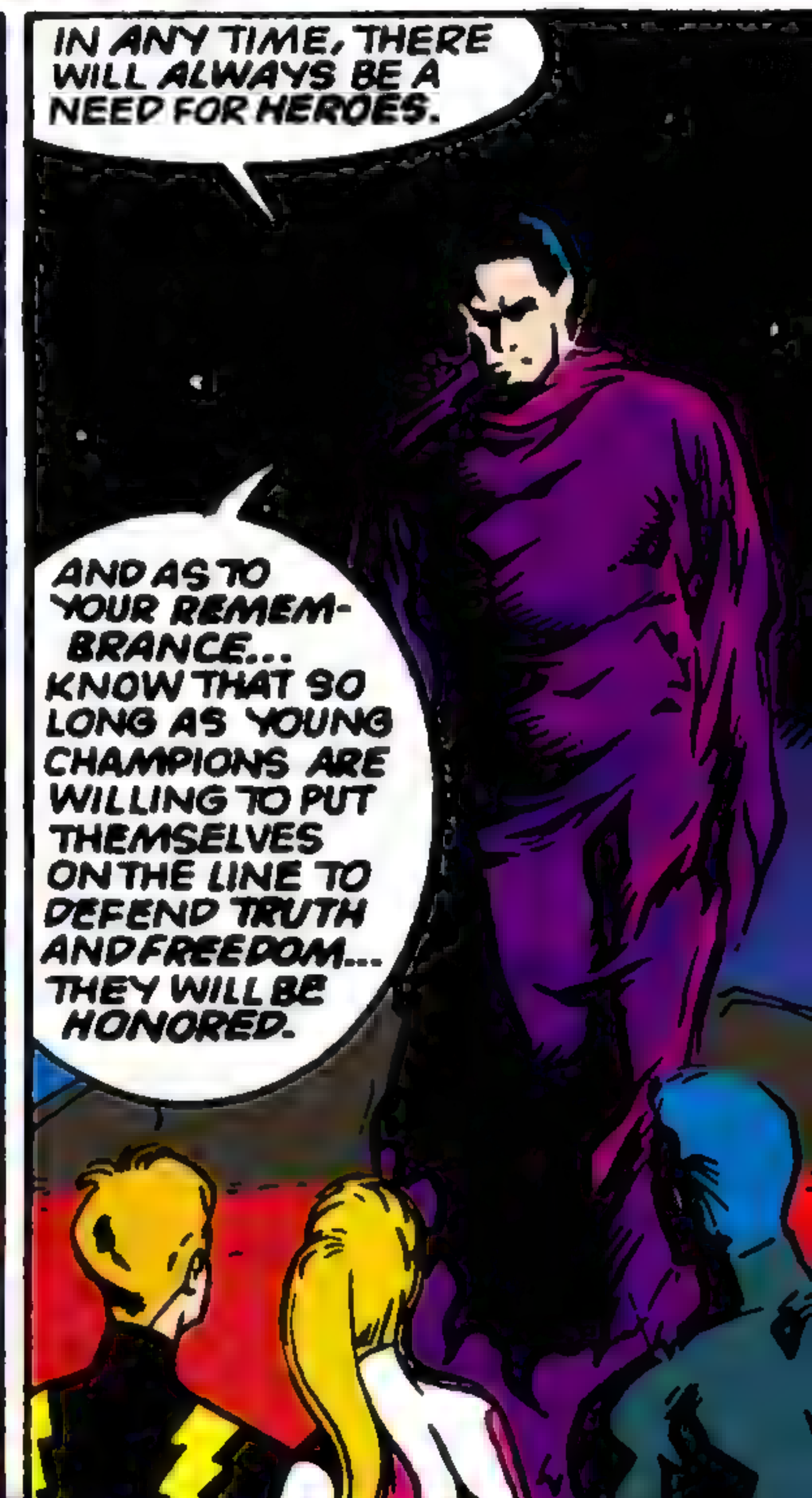


YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE IN VAIN. YOUR UNION CAN ENSURE THAT THE THIRTIETH CENTURY WILL BE AS IT ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

WILL... WILL THAT NEW ORDER INCLUDE US?

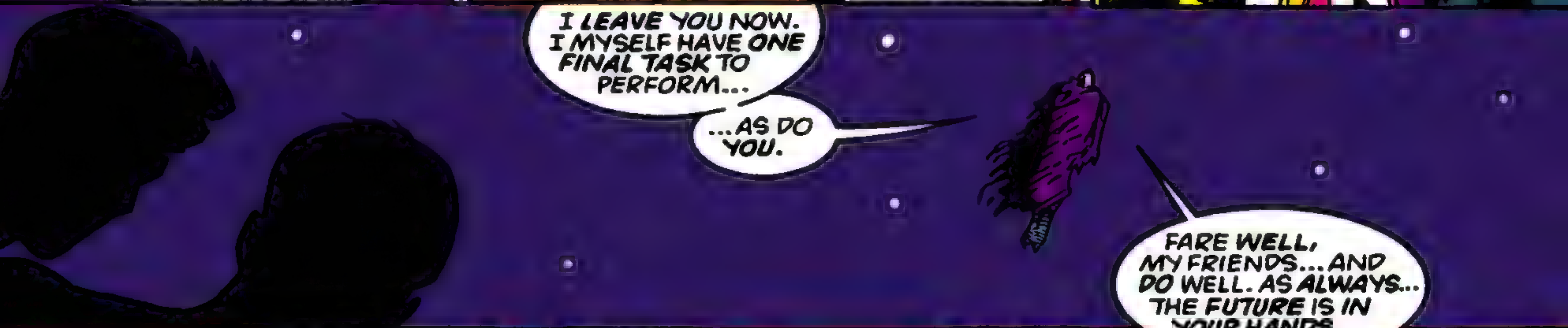
WILL THERE EVEN BE A LEGION AFTER TODAY?

WILL WE BE REMEMBERED?



IN ANY TIME, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A NEED FOR HEROES.

AND AS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE... KNOW THAT SO LONG AS YOUNG CHAMPIONS ARE WILLING TO PUT THEMSELVES ON THE LINE TO DEFEND TRUTH AND FREEDOM... THEY WILL BE HONORED.

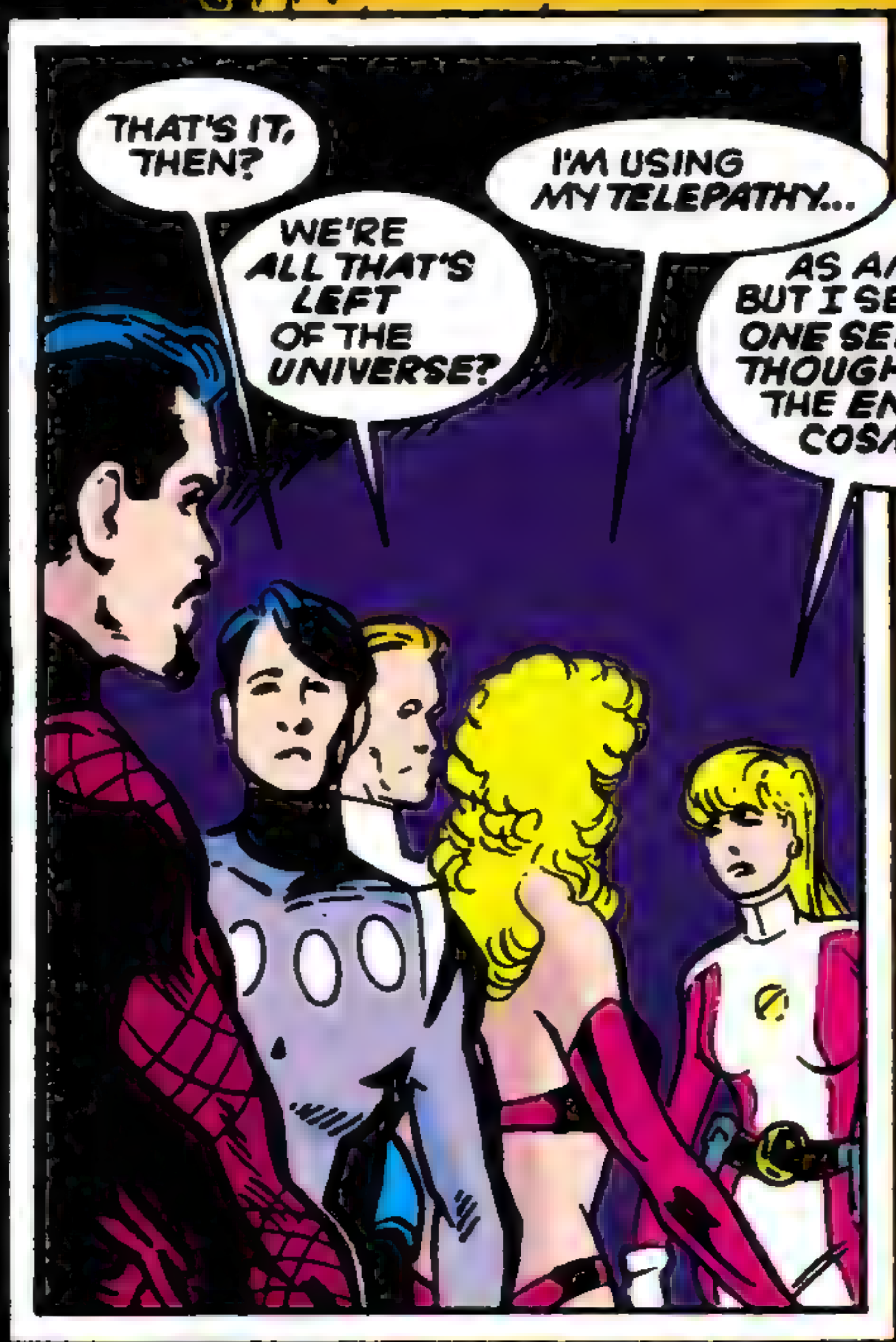


I LEAVE YOU NOW. I MYSELF HAVE ONE FINAL TASK TO PERFORM...

...AS DO YOU.

FARE WELL, MY FRIENDS... AND DO WELL. AS ALWAYS... THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.





THAT'S IT,
THEN?

WE'RE
ALL THAT'S
LEFT
OF THE
UNIVERSE?

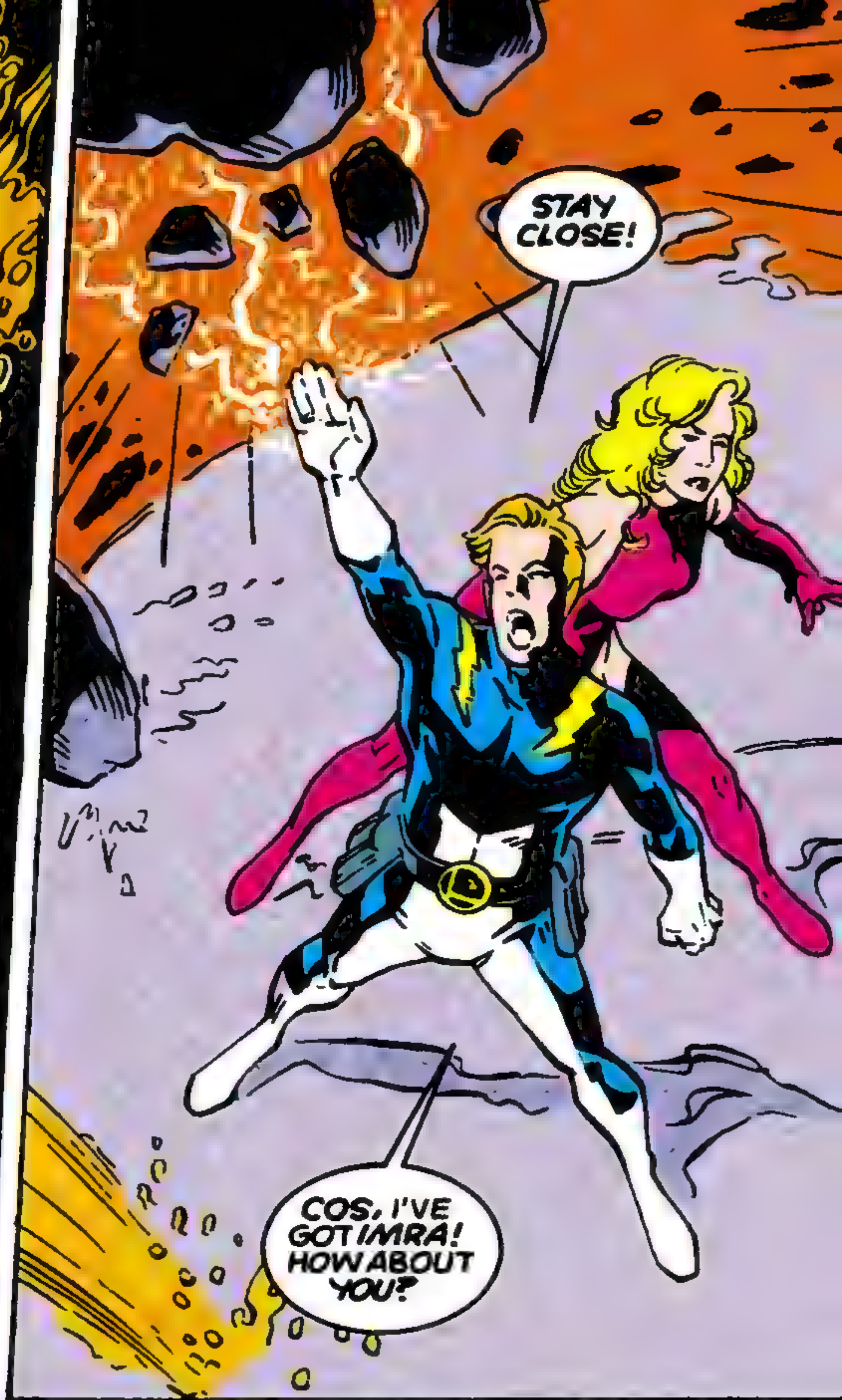
I'M USING
MY TELEPATHY...

AS AM I...
BUT I SENSE NOT
ONE SENTIENT
THOUGHT IN
THE ENTIRE
COSMOS!

FWOOSH!

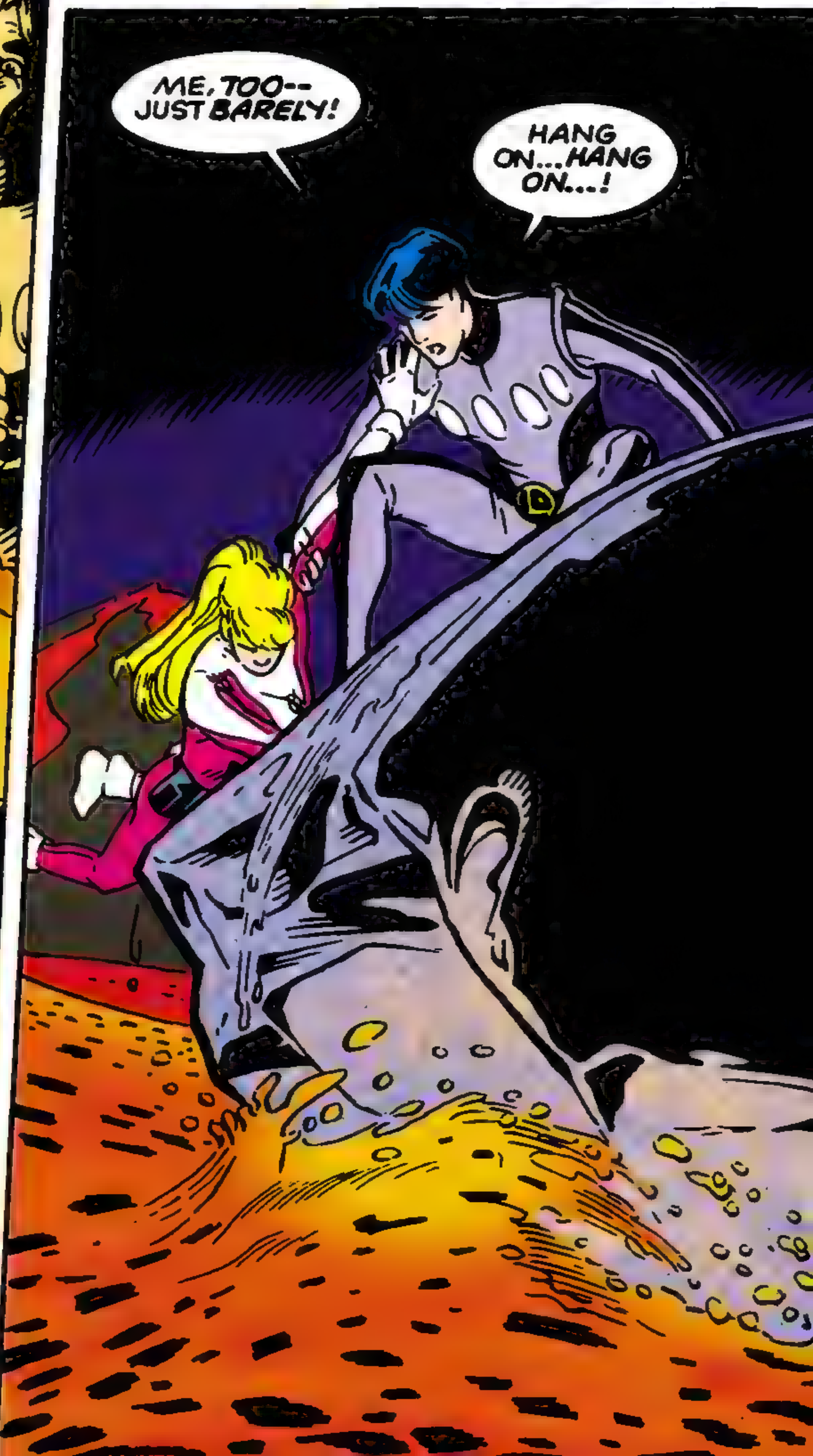
THEN WE'VE
NO MORE TIME.
GATHER--

--AAAGGH!



STAY
CLOSE!

COS, I'VE
GOT IMRA!
HOW ABOUT
YOU?



ME, TOO--
JUST BARELY!

HANG
ON...HANG
ON...!



IT'S ALL
SLIPPING
AWAY!

HURRY!



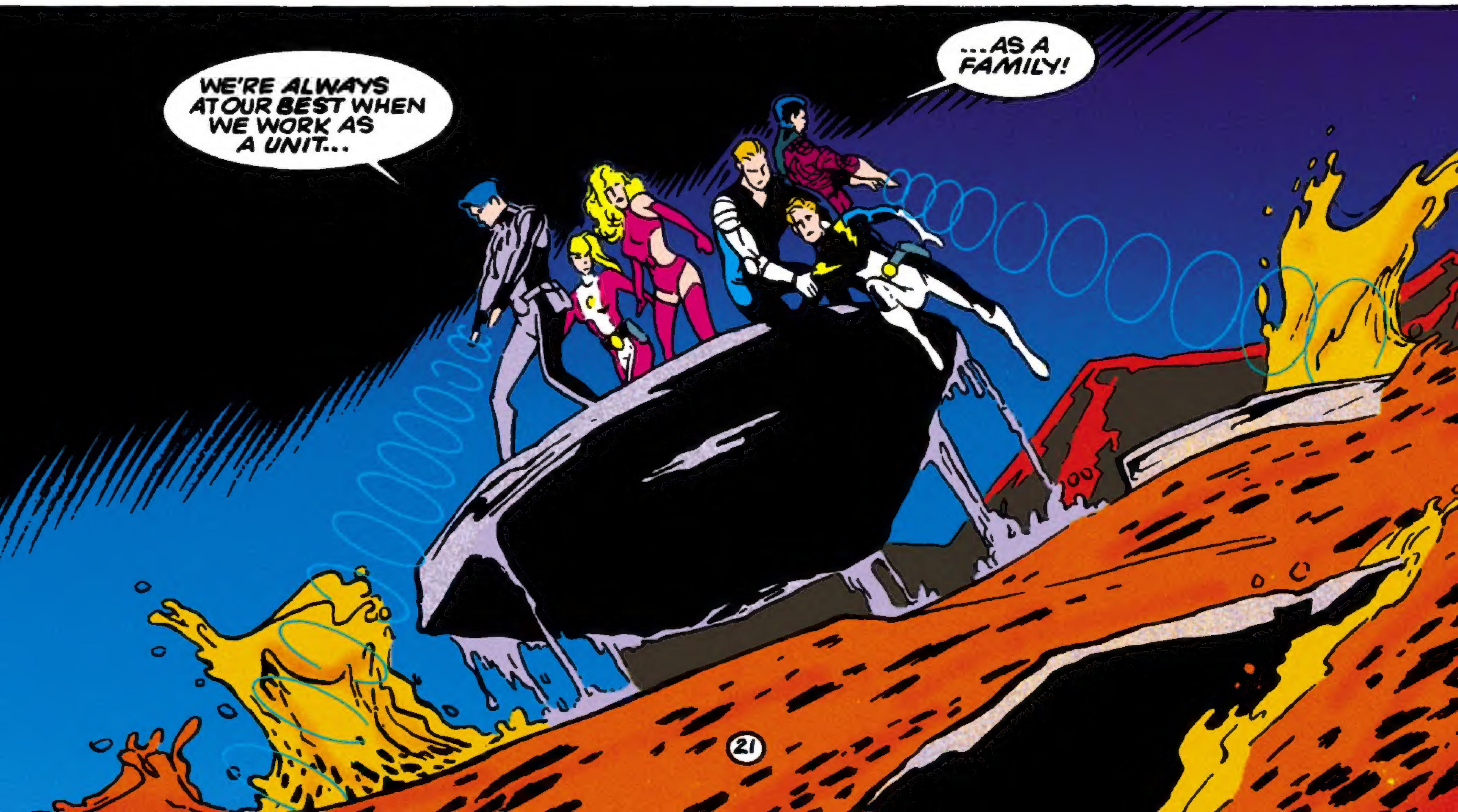
WHAT A TIME
TO BE WITHOUT
A FLIGHT
RING...

...CAN'T
STAND LONG
ENOUGH TO
JOIN
HANDS...



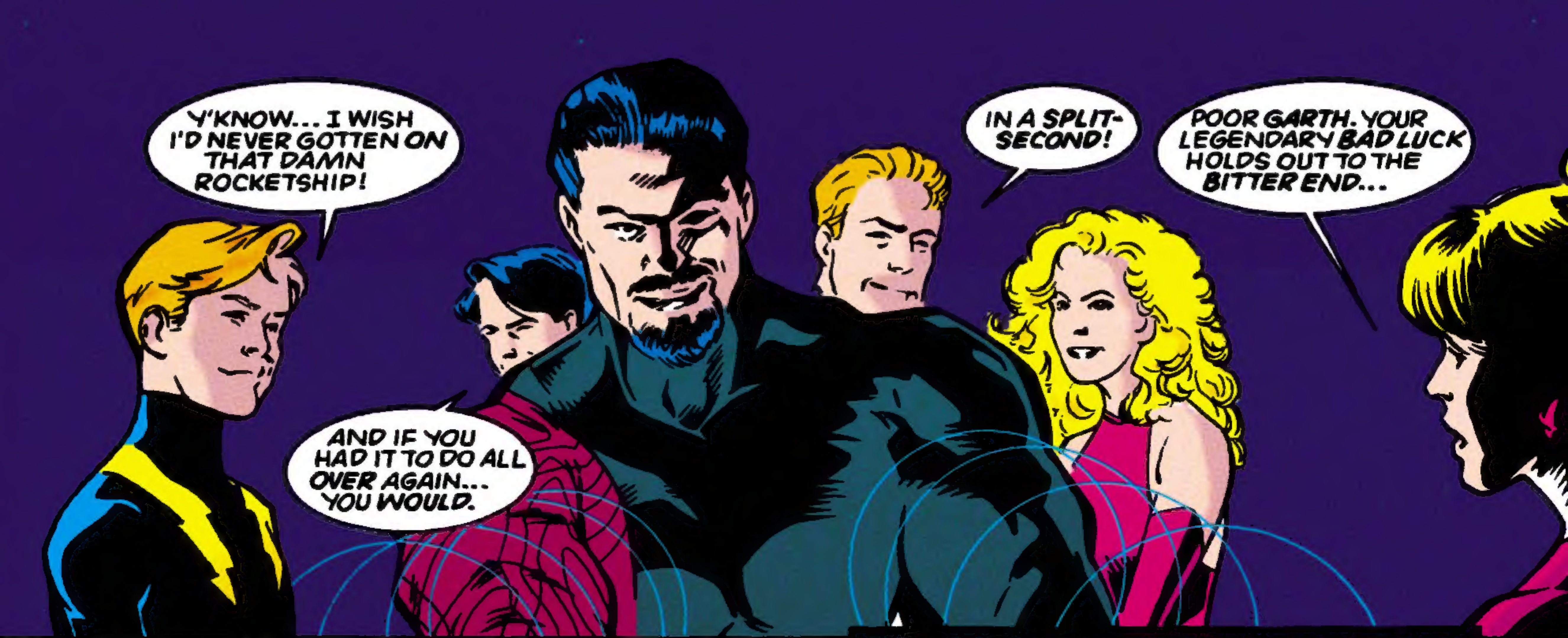
YOU HEARD
HIM! WE HAVE TO
STEADY OURSELVES
ABOVE THE PLANET'S
SURFACE!

ROKK! WE
HAVE TO POOL
OUR
POWERS!



WE'RE ALWAYS
AT OUR BEST WHEN
WE WORK AS
A UNIT...

...AS A
FAMILY!

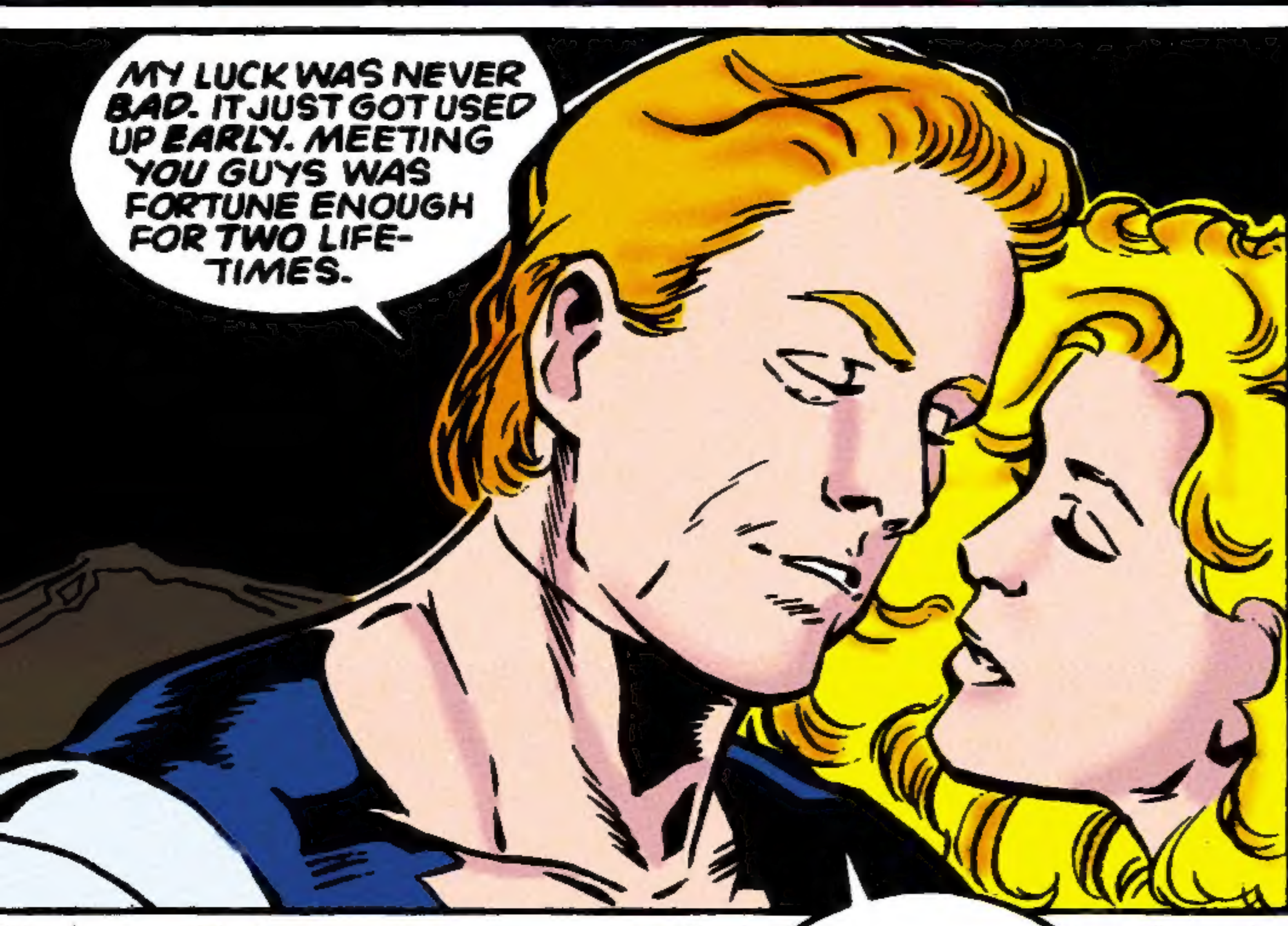


Y'KNOW... I WISH
I'D NEVER GOTTEN ON
THAT DAMN
ROCKETSHIP!

IN A SPLIT-
SECOND!

POOR GARTH. YOUR
LEGENDARY BAD LUCK
HOLDS OUT TO THE
BITTER END...

AND IF YOU
HAD IT TO DO ALL
OVER AGAIN...
YOU WOULD.



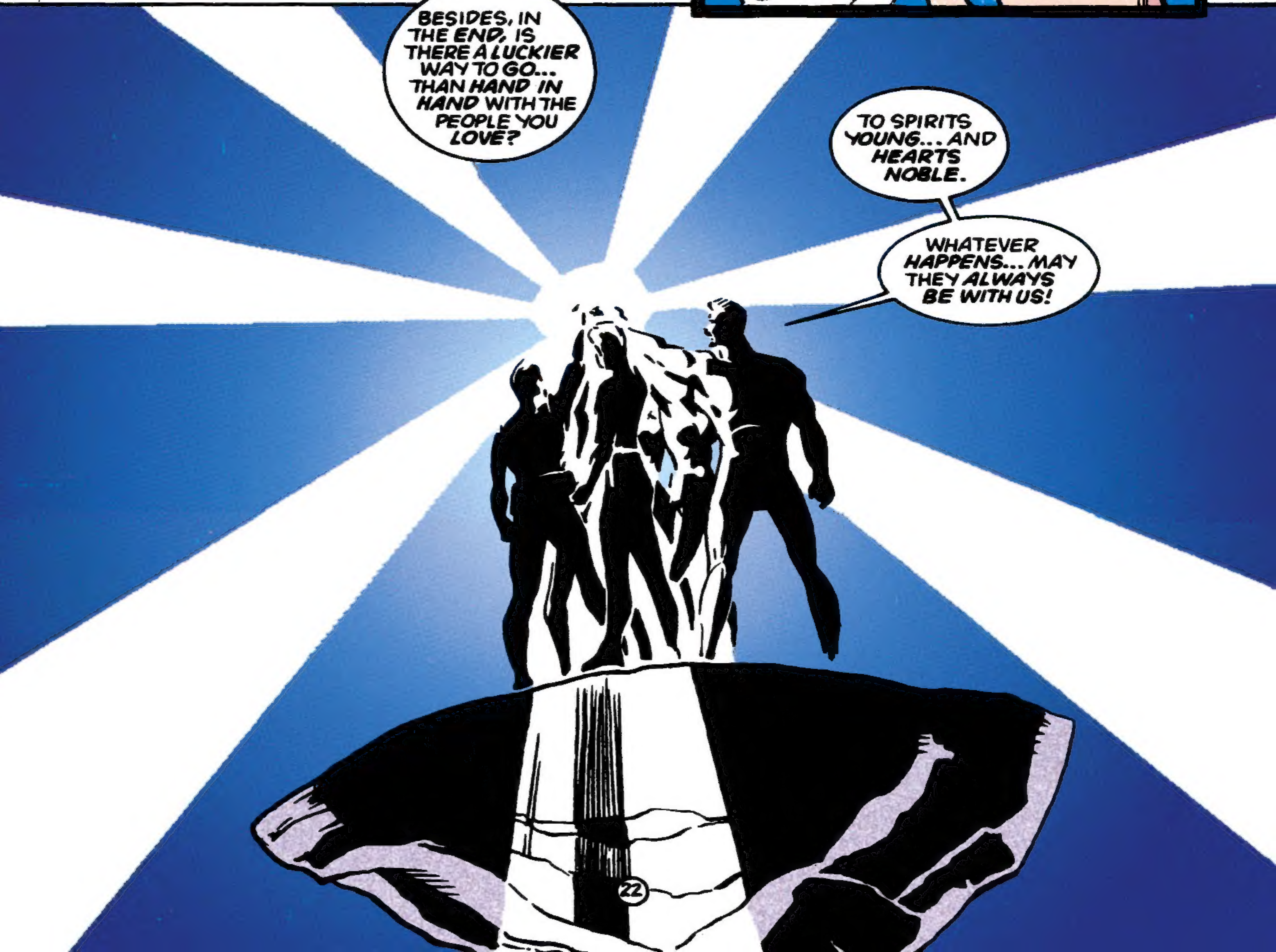
MY LUCK WAS NEVER
BAD. IT JUST GOT USED
UP EARLY. MEETING
YOU GUYS WAS
FORTUNE ENOUGH
FOR TWO LIFE-
TIMES.



BESIDES, IN
THE END, IS
THERE A LUCKIER
WAY TO GO...
THAN HAND IN
HAND WITH THE
PEOPLE YOU
LOVE?

TO SPIRITS
YOUNG... AND
HEARTS
NOBLE.

WHATEVER
HAPPENS... MAY
THEY ALWAYS
BE WITH US!





LONG
LIVE THE
LEGION!

